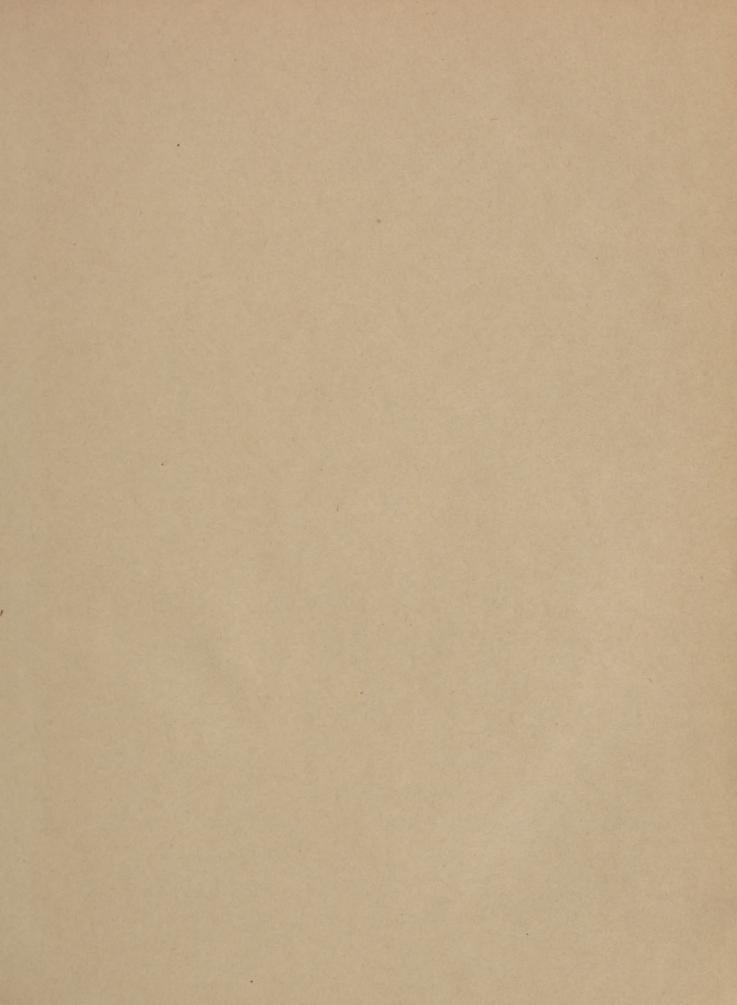


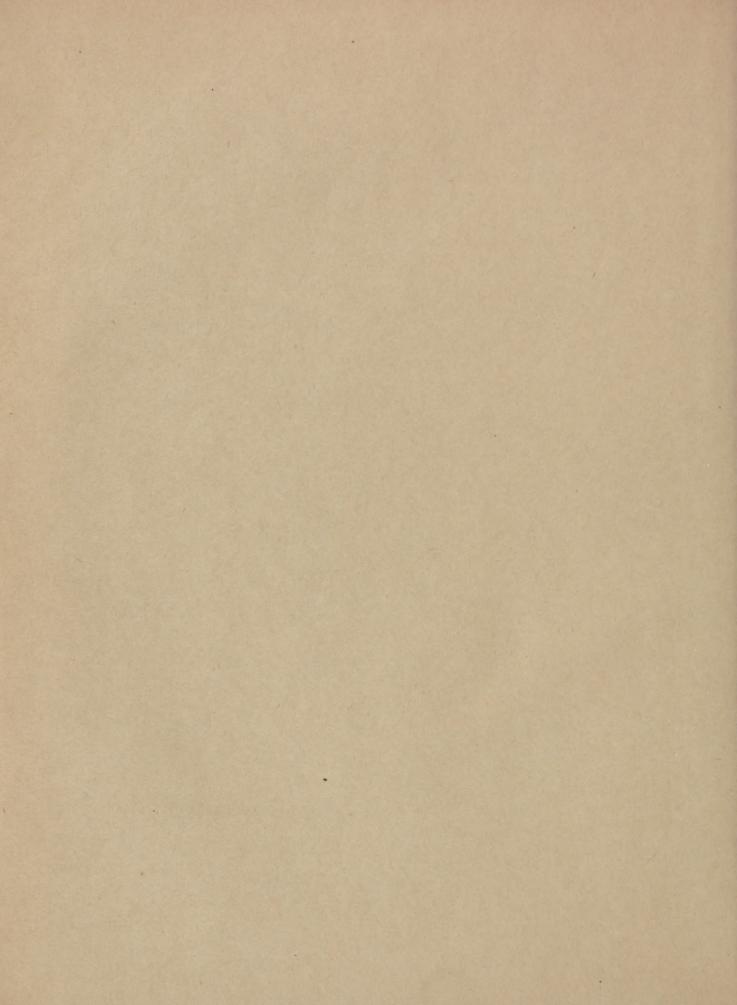
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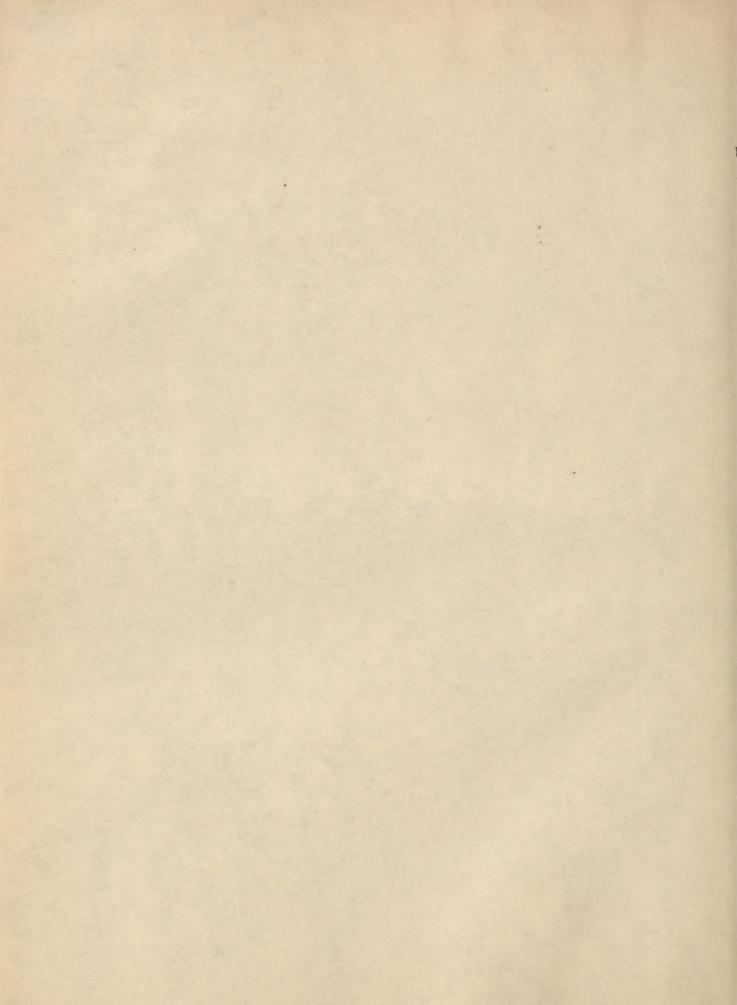


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FOREWORD

Minnesota has had a Vital Statistics Law since 1870. In early days it was difficult to embue the settlers of the state with proper respect for the importance of registering births and deaths and preserving such records as were filed, because there was little call for copies of the records and their importance became known only when the need for them became apparent.

Until recent years perhaps only one person in a thousand has realized that there was an existing law which required the registration of births and deaths with local registrars, the State Department of Health, and the County Clerks of Court. Usually they realized the importance of these records only when called upon to produce copies for legal purposes; i.e., evidence to establish:

Proof of citizenship and age
The right of admission to
many professions and public offices
Proof of right to inherit property
through descent
Citizenship for government employ

Legal age to vote

Legal age to marry

The right to or exemption from

military service

Administration of estates and

settlement of insurance & pensions

The Social Security Act became effective in 1937. Birth records were required to establish proof of age of persons 65 years old or older who wished to prove themselves eligible for pensions. The births of thousands of native Minnesotans had not been registered. Although the records had been used for many purposes up to 1937, this was the first real awakening on the part of the general public to the fact that birth records were of practical use.

In 1940 when the National Defense Program was initiated, what had been a steadily increasing demand for birth records became a clamor heard in every part of the country. Soldiers, sailors, aviators, marines, mechanics, workers in industries having government contracts and thousands of other people needed copies of their birth records. It then became generally known that beginning with the year 1900 the birth and death certificates for Minnesota were on file in the Division of Birth and Death Records of the State Department of Health.

But where were the records for years prior to 1900 -- the records needed to establish eligibility for old-age pensions, Social Security benefits, etc.?

The many questions relating to the sources where copies of these records may be obtained are answered by the Historical Records Survey of the Work Projects Administration, and its contribution which guides the searcher to existing public records, enabling him to make the maximum use of the material with the least loss of time, is a service well worth rendering. The State Board of Health, through its Division of Birth and Death Records and Vital Statistics, acknowledges its indebtedness to the Minnesota Historical Records Survey and to the officials of the Work Projects Administration for making this publication possible.

Secretary and Executive Officer

PREFACE

In a communication dated September 3, 1940, designated as Professional and Service Letter No. 75, the Washington office of the work Projects Administration requested the Historical Records Survey projects in the various states to collect and report certain information regarding vital statistics records. The report was to include a brief check list of existing State and local public records of births, marriages, deaths, and divorces, with transcripts, abstracts, or citations of legislation requiring or affecting the keeping of records of each of these types.

Accordingly the Minnesota Historical Records Survey project assembled the information for the State, and transmitted a report during the last part of September and the early part of October. The information thus communicated to the Washington office had been collected by the project during the course of its survey of county and other local archives. Each of the series of records showed title, dates covered, number of volumes or containers, arrangement, indexing, cost of certified copies, and location.

The report was designed to assist men enlisting in the military and naval forces of the United States, as well as others, to locate records from which certified copies of entries of interest to them could be obtained.

It was planned that this guide to vital statistics records should be made available, through the United States Bureau of the Census, to anyone asking for the information.

Publication of the reports from the various states, by the Bureau of the Census, having been deferred, the National office of the Historical Records Survey Program, in a letter dated February 10, 1941, requested the Minnesota Historical Records Survey project to revise the report for the State, condense it as to form, and to mimeograph and distribute it to agencies most in need of such a guide.

In revising the report, nothing has been omitted as to content that is deemed useful for anyone needing information contained in the records. The transcriptions from the laws have been assembled in an appendix with references from the introduction and from the short essays preceding the sections. The history of the growth of public vital statistics records in Minnesota has been traced in the introduction.

The project is indebted to the many workers who have contributed to the report, to county and other local officials who have been cooperative in all the phases of the survey of public records, and to the officials of the Work Projects Administration who have made the investigation and the report possible.



Copies of the guide are distributed to certain county officials and to libraries in the State, to a select number of institutions outside the State, to the Washington office of the Survey, and to the U. S. Bureau of the Census. A limited number are available to other officials who may be entitled to copies. Requests may be sent to Dr. Arthur J. Larsen, Superintendent. Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul.

Jacob Hodnefield

May 15, 1941

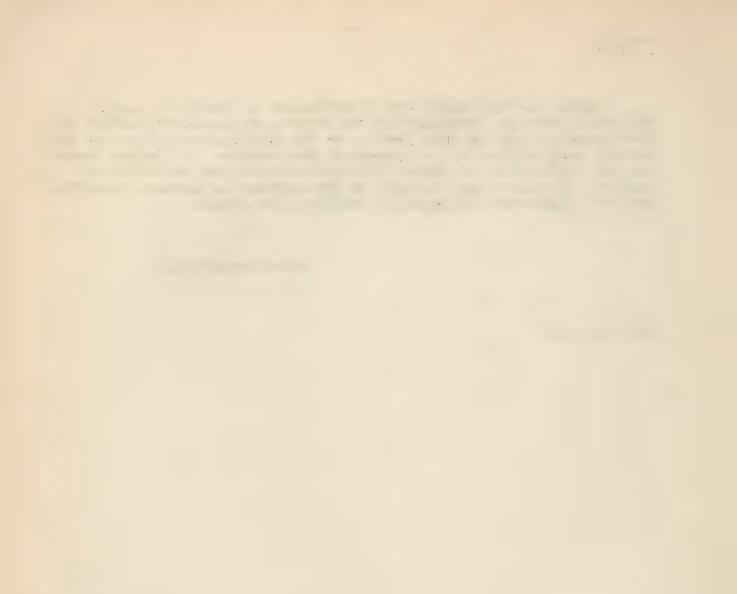


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ABBREVIATIONS AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

alph.		 	· · · alphabetical(ly)
approx.		 	a approximate(ly)
arr.			arrange(d)(ment)
ch.			chapter
chron.			
			chronological(ly)
Const.			· · · · · Constitution
ed.		 	edition, editor
ibid.		 	the same reference
misc.		 	miscellaneous
n.d.			no date
no.(s)			number(s)
N.W. Reptr.			
-			North Western Reporter
num.			numerical(ly)
off.		 	· · · · · · · · office
p., or pp.		 	• • • • • • page(s)
pkg.(s)			· · · · · package(s)
sec.			section(s)
twp.			· · · · · · township
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v., vols.			volume(s)
ten can			as 1912 (1912 to date)
X	,	 	by (in dimensions)

Titles found on records are given with initial capitals, and any additional explanatory words are given in parenthesis. If no title is found, an assigned explanatory title is given in parenthesis.

See also references are sufficiently clear to require no explanation.

In legal citations, the word Laws is used for all session laws from 1849 to 1857, and from 1893 to date. From 1858 to 1891 session laws are designated General Laws or Special Laws. Proper titles are used for compilations and revisions. Mason's is used for Mason's Minnesota Statutes; U.S. Stat., preceded by the volume number, is used in citing United States Statutes at Large.

The cost of certified copies and other explanatory matter may be found at the beginning of a section.

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INTRODUCTION

It is becoming increasingly important for all citizens to have records of birth and of marital status and for succeeding generations to have records of death. By such records men and women establish parentage, rights and duties to enlistment in military service, to exemption from enlistment, to old age assistance, to retirement upon pension, to inheritance of property, to citizenship, to membership in organizations, to entrance into school, to employment under child labor laws, to vote, to legally marry, and to other advantages and obligations.

On account of the importance of vital statistics records, these are constantly improved and constantly increasing in volume. The readiness of access to them is of importance both to the custodians and to the individuals who need the information that they contain.

In this publication, the different classes (birth, death, marriage, divorce) have been separated in order that those who wish to consult one class need not go through the entire material. Birth records are given first, grouped by State, county, and local unit. Counties are arranged alphabetically. Cost of certified copies is indicated. Then follow death records, marriage records, and divorce records. Divorce records are given a somewhat different treatment on account of the different method of handling such cases.

The first official action regarding the recording of births and deaths in Minnesota was taken by the Legislature in 1870. City and town clerks were made the recording officers, and were directed to keep a complete "Registry of Births" and "Registry of Deaths." Parents, householders, oldest next of kin, and heads of public institutions were required to report the births and deaths of all persons for whom they were responsible. The physician who attended a person in his last illness was required, upon request, within fifteen days after the decease of such person, to furnish a death certificate for registration. A certified copy of all birth and death records was to be sent annually by the local clerk to the clerk of the district court of the county with proper jurisdiction, and the clerk of the district court in turn was to send an abstract to the Assistant Secretary of State, who was made ex-officio Commissioner of Statistics. Penalties were prescribed for failure of any person to perform the duties imposed upon him by the act.(1)

⁽¹⁾ General Laws, 1870, ch. 25, sec. 1, 4-7; 1871, ch. 49. The words "town clerk" were interpreted to mean township, village or borough clerk.



State registration of births and deaths was taken from the office of the Secretary of State in 1887 and placed with the State Board of Health and Vital Statistics. Local registration in the towns remained with the township clerk, but in the cities, villages, and boroughs the health officers were entrusted with that duty. Physicians were required to report births as well as deaths, and midwives were required to report births. Responsibility for seeing that the report was made was not, however, taken from the parents, householders, eldest next of kin, and heads of public institutions. The local officers, acting under instructions of the State Board of Health, were required to send monthly to the secretary of that board a certified copy of their registry of births and deaths. The State board annually sent the returns and a summary to the clerk of the district court in the county concerned. These returns became a permanent record of the office. Failure to perform the duties outlined in this act was made a misdemeanor in 1899.(2)

In 1907 the law in regard to recording births and deaths assumed much of its present form. The State Board of Health was given general supervision of the State system of registration of births and deaths, and the secretary of that board was designated as State Registrar. The duties of the local registrars remained the same, but the obligations of these registrars in regard to securing complete registration were made much stricter. Specific statutory forms for the blank reports were outlined. The returns were to follow the previous channel from local registrar to the secretary of the State Board of Health and from him to the clerk of the district court of the county concerned. Specific duties were imposed upon embalmers and undertakers in obtaining information and making reports. Persons in charge of burial places were required to keep a complete record, open at all times to public inspection. Criminal prosecution was prescribed for neglect of any of the duties required. (3)

Acting under the broad powers conferred upon it by this act, the Board directed the local officers to send to its secretary the original birth and death certificates, retaining a duplicate. The Board retained these certificates and, as required by statute, forwarded returns to the clerks of the district court.(4)

Health officers of the cities and the town clerks remained as local registrars under an amended law passed in 1911, but the duties of that position was taken from the other local health officers and given to the village and borough clerks. Statistics of births and deaths were to be obtained and received by the local registrars and transmitted to the State Registrar. He in turn was

⁽²⁾ General Laws, 1887, ch. 114, sec. 1-6; 1899, ch. 337.
(3) Laws, 1907, ch. 454.

⁽⁴⁾ Information from Division of Birth and Death Records and Vital Statistics, State Board of Health.



to transmit a certified copy of tabulated vital statistics to the clerk of court of each county who was required to file, index, and preserve it. All district court clerks except in Hennepin, Ramsey, and St. Louis Counties were ordered to index "as speedily as possible" all records of births and deaths in their offices, not already indexed. The form of the index and indexing was to be prescribed by the secretary of the Board of Health. (5)

Supervisory powers of the State Board of Health were strengthened in 1913. City, village, and town clerks became the local registrars, except that the local health officer was to be the registrar in cities having an organized health department. The original birth and death certificates were still to be sent to the State Board of Health, after a local record was made. From these certificates the secretary of that board was required to prepare a certified annual tabulation for the clerk of the district court of the county concerned. Provision was made by which a child's given name could be supplied to a certificate from which it was missing. The responsibility of physicians and midwives was increased, but it was provided that in case there was no physician or midwife the report must be made by parents, landlords, or heads of institutions. Certified copies of birth and death certificates were to be furnished for a fee of 50 cents.(6)

A law regulating maternity hospitals, passed in 1919, provided that in addition to a report to the local board of health, a report should be made directly to the State Board of Control. (7)

The State registrar in 1921 was enjoined to endeavor to secure information relative to any errors or omissions in any birth or death certificates and to make corrections in red ink upon the securing of additional information. (8)

The health officers in the cities resumed their duties as registrars of vital statistics in 1925 replacing the city clerks and city recorders. (9)

Information as to military service became a required part of the death certificate in 1927.(10)

The State Board of Health and Vital Statistics was the original name of the agency now known as the State Board of Health. The latter part of the title was retained in the index of Revised

⁽⁵⁾ Laws, 1911, ch. 250.

⁽⁶⁾ Laws, 1913, ch. 579. (7) Laws, 1919, ch. 50, sec. 5.

⁽⁸⁾ Laws, 1921, ch. 271, sec. 1, 2. (9) Laws, 1925, ch. 190, sec. 1.

⁽¹⁰⁾ Laws, 1927, ch. 156, sec. 1, subd. A 13.



Laws, 1905, but omitted from the text and has not since been used. (11) For supervising the recording of vital statistics the Board has set up an agency within its ranks, designated as the Division of Birth and Death Records and Vital Statistics. It is headed by the secretary of the board as State Registrar of Statistics. (12)

Birth and death records for late years, that is from 1900, may be found in this Division. For the same period and also for years between 1870 and 1900, they may be sought in the office of the clerk of the district court in the county of residence. The registrars of the local units, in most cases for early years, and in all cases for recent years, have the Registers which were the source of the records now held by the State Board of Health and the clerks of court. However, as such officers change frequently, it is often difficult to locate the books.

For all general purposes the official information regarding births and deaths in the State is adequate since January 1, 1908.

Before that date the records vary in their degree of completeness. Minnesota was passing through a transition from a pioneer State, and while the laws regarding the recording of births and deaths have been adequate and specific beginning in 1870, compliance with the law was not always assured. Then too, since many Minnesota counties were not established as early as 1870, there are many where birth and death records do not go back that far.

If information is found to be lacking or to be incomplete, it may be supplied by church records of baptisms and funerals. In this case it is necessary to know the church and be able to locate the ministerial records. The Catholic, Lutheran and Episcopal records, where found, are for the most part complete and adequate. The same is also true of some of the other denominations, although in many cases methods of record keeping have varied with the clergymen.

Age may be established by means of census reports for early years. The State and Federal censuses show the names and ages of the parents and the names and ages of the children. School records and school census reports are also a fruitful source of information for more recent years, and are usually accurate. They are to be found in the offices of the county superintendent of schools at the county seats and in local school records. Among several other sources are family Bibles and lodge records.

⁽¹¹⁾ Revised Laws, 1905, sec. 2127; Mason's, 1927, sec. 5336. (12) Mason's, 1927, sec. 5355.



Before any persons can be joined in marriage in this State, a license must be obtained from the clerk of the district court of the county in which the woman resides, if she is a resident of the State, but, if she is not a resident of the State, then from the clerk in the county where the marriage is to take place.

An application for a marriage license must be made at least five days previous to the issuing of the license, except that, in special circumstances, the judge of probate, the judge of the district court, or the court commissioner may authorize the license to be issued at any time prior to the expiration of the five days.

An application for a marriage license is made out by the clerk of the district court in duplicate, one in a book of record and one loose-leaf. The record book also contains forms for the license and the certificate of marriage. The three forms may appear on one page, or the application may be on one page and the license and certificate forms on the opposite page.

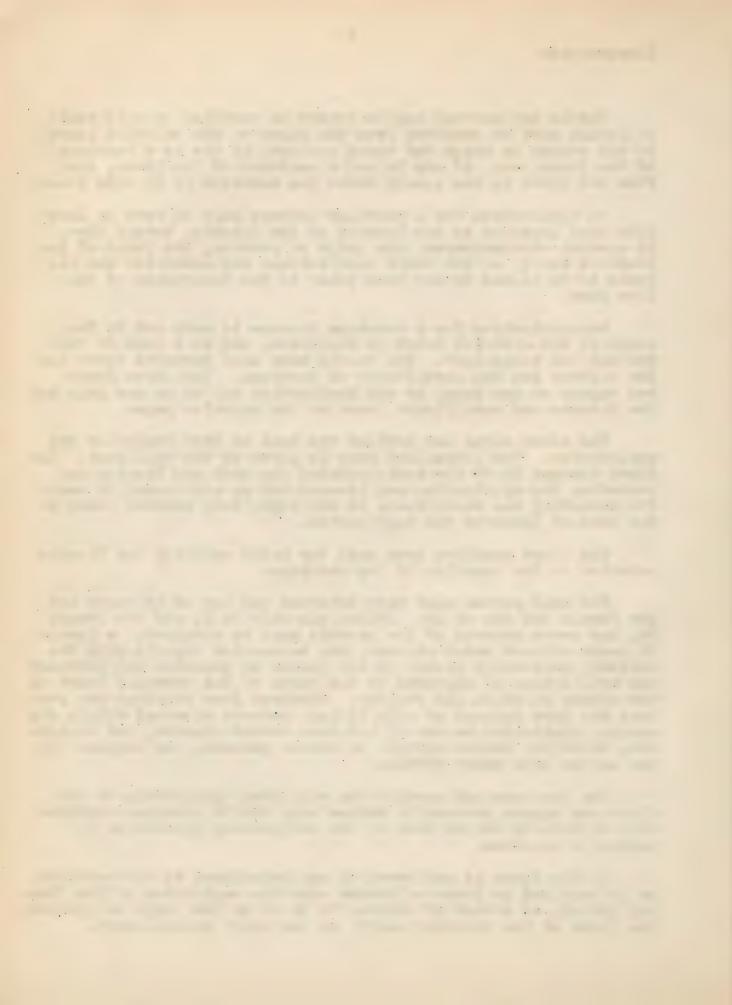
The clerk signs and affixes his seal to both copies of the application. The loose-leaf copy is given to the applicant. The clerk charges \$2.00 for administering the oath and issuing and recording the application and license and an additional 25 cents for recording the certificate of marriage, both amounts taken at the time of granting the application.

The clerk examines upon oath the party applying for license relative to the legality of the marriage.

The male person must have attained the age of 18 years and the female the age of 16. Unless the male is 21 and the female 18, the sworn consent of the parents must be obtained. A female 15 years old and under sixteen, may be married legally with the consent, personally given, of her parent or guardian and provided her application is approved by the judge of the juvenile court of the county in which she resides. Debarred from marriage are persons who have husband or wife living, persons divorced within six months, applicants nearer of kin than second cousins, and epileptic, imbecile, feeble-minded, or insane persons, and couples who are one or both under fifteen.

The law does not specify who must make application to the clerk and appear personally before him, but in practice application is made by one or both of the contracting parties or by parent or guardian.

If the clerk is not aware of any impediment to the marriage, he is required to issue a license upon the expiration of the five-day period, or sooner if ordered to do so by the judge of probate, the judge of the district court, or the court commissioner.



The license is made out in duplicate. The clerk fills out the form in the record book and also one on loose-leaf. He signs both and affixes his official seal to both. The loose-leaf duplicate is given to the applicant. The applicant surrenders the application form upon receipt of the license. The clerk generally files the application form, taken up from the applicant, loose in the record book opposite the other copy.

Before the marriage takes place, the person officiating takes up the marriage license and assures himself of its validity.

The person solemnizing the marriage must be a justice of the peace, a judge of any court of record, a court commissioner, or a regularly ordained minister of a church body. In the case of a minister, his credentials of ordination must be recorded in some county in the State.

No definite set of questions, to be put to the contracting parties by the one officiating, are prescribed. The requirements include a public acknowledgment on the part of both bride and groom in the presence of at least two witnesses besides the officer officiating.

The officiating officer retains the copy of the license as his authority. He detaches the certificate form from the license and fills it out, signing it together with two witnesses. Within a month he must send the certificate to the county clerk in the county where the license was issued. The 25 cents allowed the county clerk for filing and recording the certificate was collected when the application for license was taken; hence, is not, in practice, collected at this time.

If the female is not a resident of the State, the marriage must take place in the county in which the license is issued. If the female is a resident of Minnesota, the license must be issued in the county of her residence, but the marriage may take place in any county in the State.

If the marriage takes place in a county other than the county in which the license was issued, the officer officiating is legally required to file a certificate also in the county where the marriage is solemnized, but in practice this is seldom done, and many are of the opinion that the law requiring it has been superseded.

when the certificate of marriage comes to the county clerk, he records it in the proper space on the same page as the entry for the license. The loose copy of the certificate, received from the person officiating, is usually filed loose facing the same page.



The officer or clergyman officiating is required to give each of the contracting parties a certificate as evidence of their marriage.

In the case of Quakers, regular marriage laws do not apply, and no license is required, but if the marriage is performed in a Friends' Meeting, the clerk, within one month, must send a certificate of marriage to the clerk of the district court in the county where the marriage takes place, or, if the marriage ceremony is not performed in a Friends' Meeting, a certificate must be prepared and signed by the contracting parties and at least six witnesses and must likewise be sent to the clerk of the district court.(13)

In Minnesota, divorce and annulment proceedings are within the province of the district court, and the records of such proceedings are kept in the office of the clerk of the district court, who is a county officer and of which there is one in each county.

Divorce proceedings are conducted as civil cases and subject to the rules and regulations affecting such cases. Civil cases are tried in the district court, which has both civil and criminal jurisdiction.

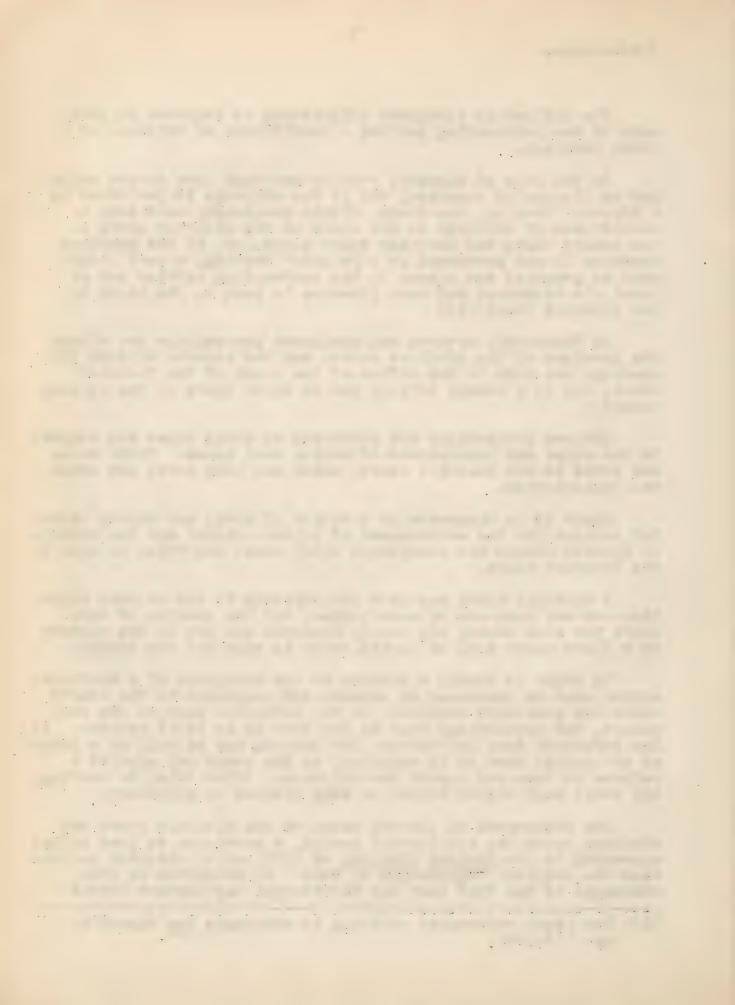
There is in Minnesota no division of civil and equity cases, but actions for the enforcement of private rights and the redress of private wrongs are considered civil cases and tried as such in the district court.

A district court may have jurisdiction in one or more counties and may have one or more judges, but the records of such court for each county are county archives and are in the custody of a clerk whose area of jurisdiction is only his own county.

In order to obtain a divorce or the annulment of a marriage, action must be commenced by summons and complaint in the county where the plaintiff resides. If the defendant answers the complaint, the proceedings must be the same as in civil actions. If the defendant does not answer, the hearing may be held at a general or special term or in vacation, or the court may appoint a referee to take and report the evidence. After trial or hearing, the court must either decree or deny divorce or annulment.

The assignment of divorce cases to the district court has obtained since the territorial period, a provision to that effect appearing in the Revised Statutes of 1851, which statutes include also the original legislation of 1851. An exception to this statement is the fact that the Territorial Legislature itself

⁽¹³⁾ For legal references relating to marriages see Appendix, pp. 117-120.



granted one divorce and eight "dissolutions of the marriage contract" during the years 1849, 1851, and 1852.

Records of divorce and annulment proceedings are found in the office of the clerk of the district court in the same books as records of other civil cases. There are no separate divorce records. The Legislature has provided that the principal books of record in civil cases are:

- 1. A Register of Actions, in which shall appear the title of the action, a minute of each paper filed in the cause, and all proceedings therein.
- 2. A Judgment Book, in which every judgment shall be entered.
- 3. A Docket, in which shall be entered alphabetically the name of each judgment debtor, the amount of the judgment, and the precise time of its entry.
- 4. Indexes
 - a. Plaintiff's b. Defendant's

The plaintiff's indexes are arranged alphabetically by name of plaintiff and usually lists items in the following order: plaintiff, defendant, kind of action, term commenced, record book, pages, term disposed of, date of judgment, judgment docket, execution docket, fee book, satisfied or not satisfied, number of case. The defendant's index has the same entries except that the names of plaintiff and defendant are reversed.

Anyone in search of divorce records must, therefore, make the same approach as would the searcher for information relating to any other civil case. The plaintiff's and defendant's indexes will locate the case files and the entries in the Register of Actions. When indexes cover several volumes, it is obvious that the searcher must know approximate dates to avoid inspecting more than one index book. Ordinarily the investigator will know whether he is looking for a plaintiff or a defendant. There is, however, no great difficulty in locating divorce records in the county offices in the State.(14)

⁽¹⁴⁾ For legal references relating to Divorces see Appendix, pp. 121, 122.



BIRTHS

State Records

State records of births are found in the office of the Division of Birth and Death Records and Vital Statistics in the State Board of Health, 469 State Office Building, St. Paul. The cost of certified copies of entries is 50 cents.

1. BIRTHS, 1900-1907. 330,286 cards in 93 file drawers (dated). Subtitled by name of county and the cities of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth.

Card record of birth certificates reported by township, village, or city registrars, showing date of birth, certificate number, name of county, place of birth (twp., village, or city), name of child, race or color, sex, name of father, birthplace, age, occupation, maiden name of mother, birthplace, age, occupation, number of child for this mother, name and address of attending physician or midwife, and name and address of registrar. Arr. by year, alph. by name of county, alph. by first letter of surname of child thereunder. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Cards, 3 x 5; 36 drawers, 4 x 6 x 16; 57 drawers, 4 x 12 x 30. Room 469 State Office Bldg.

For subsequent records see entry 2.

2. BIRTHS (CERTIFICATES), 1908--. 3,315 vols. (Dated and labeled by inclusive certificate nos.). Subtitled by name of county.

Original birth certificates as reported by township, village, or city registrars, showing certificate number, place of birth (name of county, twp., village, or city), registrar's number, where recorded in registration book, full name of child, sex, whether twin, triplet, or other, number in order of birth, length, weight, whether legitimate, date of birth, full name of father, address, color or race, age, birthplace, occupation, full maiden name of mother, address, color or race, age, birthplace, occupation, number of children to this mother (born alive and now living, born alive but now dead, still born), whether premature or stillborn, cause of stillbirth, certification of physician or midwife, signature of registrar, address of registrar, and date received. Arr. num. by certificate number. For index see entry 4. Handwritten and typed on pr. fm. 500 locse-leaf pp. 7 x 9 x 2½. Room 469. State Office Bldg.

For prior records see entry 1.

3. DELAYED RETURNS, BIRTHS, 1908--. 22 vols., 7 loose-leaf binders (dated).
Original certificates of births reported by registrars of local units too late to be included with regular returns; for description of contents see entry 1. Arr. by year, alph. by name of



county thereunder. For index see entry 4. Handwritten and typed on pr. fm. Vols., 500 loose-leaf pp. 7 x 9 x $2\frac{1}{2}$; binders, 500 pp., 12 x 9 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. Room 469. State Office Bldg.

4. BIRTHS (INDEX), 1908--. 49 file drawers (dated and lettered by contained letters of the alphabet).

Index to original birth certificates described in entries 2 and 3, showing date of birth, certificate number, name of child, names of parents, name of twp., village, or city, and name of county. Arr. by year, alph. by surname of child thereunder. Typed. 4 x 18 x 30. Room 469. State Office Bldg.

County Records

In the list of birth records counties are arranged in alphabetical order. Titles are given as they appear on the records, except that explanatory words are added in parenthesis where they are obviously needed, and titles are supplied, also in parenthesis, where no titles appear on the records.

A hyphen is used to indicate inclusive dates, as 1883-1910; and two hyphens following a date indicate a continuous record to date, as 1883---

The arrangement of entries or documents in the record is given if there is an obvious arrangement and if such arrangement was indicated when the survey was taken. The index is mentioned if there is one.

The cost of certified copies varies according to length. It is usually about 50 cents. The records are in all cases in the hands of the clerk of the district court in the county courthouse, and applications should be made to that officer. In the following list, the name of the county seat (in parenthesis) follows the name of the county.



AITKIN (Aitkin)

Birth Record (Register), 6 vols. Chron. Separate index. 1883-1908 deaths also included.

1883-1910 Birth Record (Certificates). 16 boxes.

ANOKA (Anoka)

1870-- Register of Births, 5 vols. By year, alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1870-1910 Birth Certificates, 41 bundles. Alph. by city, village, or twp., chron. thereunder.

BECKER (Detroit Lakes)

1871-- Register of Births, 6 vols. By year, alph. by first letter of surname thereunder, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1872-1910 Birth Certificates, 37 bundles, 11 pkgs., 1 box. Chron. by date of filing.

BELTRAMI (Bemidji)

1896-- Birth Records, 4 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1896-1910 Birth Certificates, 4 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.

BENTON (Foley)

1870 -- Record of Births, 5 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

Birth Certificates (supplemental), I file drawer.
Chron. by date filed. Originals and copies,
corrected.

1886-1910 Birth Certificates, 6 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.

BIG STONE (Ortonville)

Birth Record, 6 vols. 1881-99, arr. alph. by
first letter of surname, chron. thereunder;
1900-1910, alph. by name of local unit, chron.
thereunder; 1911, chron. Separate index.



BIG STONE (Ortonville), cont.
1881-1910 Birth Certificates, 25 boxes, 7 envelopes.
Chron. by date of filing.

BLUE EARTH (Mankato)

1870-- Record of Births, 9 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1870 -- Birth Certificates, 10 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.

BROWN (New Ulm)

1870-- Birth Record, 8 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1870-1910 Birth Certificates, 40 bundles. Chron. by date filed.

CARLTON (Carlton)

1870-- Register of Births, 5 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1870-1910 Birth Certificates, 1 file drawer. Chron. by date filed.

CARVER (Chaska)

1870 -- Register of Births, 8 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1895-1910 Birth Certificates, 2 file drawers. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates are also included.

CASS (Walker)

1896-1907 Register of Births and Deaths, 2 vols. By year, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1908-- Birth Record, 2 vols. By year, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1896-1910 Record of Births (Certificates), 1 file drawer.
Chron. by date of filing.



CHIPPEWA (Montevideo)

1870 -- Register of Births, 4 vols. First vol. arr. by local unit, chron. thereunder; others, chron. by date of filing. Separate index.

1882-1910 Birth Certificates, 4 bundles, 3 file drawers. Chron. by date of filing.

CHISAGO (Center City)

1870-- Record of Births, 7 vols. Chron. by date filed.
Separate index. 1870-1908, death records are also included.

1870-1910 Birth Certificates, 6 linear feet on shelves.

CLAY (Moorhead)

1873-- Register of Births, 6 vols. Irregular by local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1880-1910 Birth Certificates, 4 file drawers, 2 boxes.

CLEARWATER (Bagley)

1903-- Register of Births, 4 vols. 1903-10, arr. alph.

by first letter of surname of child; 1911--,

alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder.

Separate index.

1903 -- Birth Certificates, 2 file drawers. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates also included.

COOK (Grand Marais)

1897-- Birth Register, 4 vols. Chron. by date filed.
Separate index. Death records are also included.

1900-1910 Birth Certificates, 1 file drawer. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates also included.

COTTONWOOD (Windom)

1877-- Birth Record, 6 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1877-- Birth Certificates, 7 file drawers. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates are also included.



CROW WING (Brainerd)

1875 -- Register of Births, 4 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

DAKOTA (Hastings)

Birth Record, 6 vols. 1870-99, arr. alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder; 1900-1910, arr. alph. by first letter of surname; 1911--, arr. by year, chron. by date filed thereunder. Separate index.

DODGE (Mantorville)

1870-- Birth Record, 5 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1878-1905 Birth Certificates, 2 bundles. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates are also included.

DOUGLAS (Alexandria)

1870-- Register of Births, 8 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1870-1910 Birth Certificates, 18 bundles. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates are also included.

FARIBAULT (Blue Earth)

Birth Record, 6 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

FILLMORE (Preston)

1870 -- Register of Births, 6 vols. By year, alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1897-1907 Birth (Certificates), 4 file drawers. Chron. by date of filing. Death certificates also included.

FREEBORN (Albert Lea)

1870-- Record of Births, 8 vols. Chron. by date filed.
Separate index. 1870-1908, death records are also included.

1870-1903 Birth Certificates, 3 file boxes. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates are also included.



GOODHUE (Red Wing)

1870-- Record of Births, 7 vols. Chron. by date filed.
Separate index. 1870-1908, death records are included.

GRANT (Elbow Lake)

1877-- Register of Births, 5 vols. By year, irregular by local unit and chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1883-1910 Birth Certificates, 4 file drawers, 1 box. Chron. by date of certificate.

HENNEPIN (Minneapolis)

1870-73 Birth Record, 30 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1886-1907 Record of Births (Minneapolis), 11 vols.
Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1899-- Record of Births (Townships and Villages),
38 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

Jan. 1 Register of Births, 20 vols. Alph. by first letter of surname of child. Board of Health, April 30 Room 401 City Hall and Courthouse. First vol. is a record of births in St. Anthony, which is now part of Minneapolis.

Jan. 1888 (Birth Certificates), 160 file drawers, 27 vols. to Apr. 1913 Chron. by date filed.

May 1913 -- Births (Certificates), 339 vols. Num. by certificate no. Separate index.

HOUSTON (Caledonia)

1870-- Birth Record, 6 vols. By local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1870-1910 Birth Certificates, 4 envelopes, 1 file drawer. Chron. by date filed.

HUBBARD (Park Rapids)

1885-- Record of Births, 4 vols. 1885-1910, arr. chron.;
1911--, arr. by year, alph. by name of local
unit. Separate index.

1887-1910 Birth Certificates, 14 file drawers. Chron.



ISANTI (Cambridge)

1873-- Register of Births, 4 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1908-- Birth Certificates, 2 file drawers. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates also included.

ITASCA (Grand Rapids)

1893-- Register of Births, 4 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1892-1911 Birth Certificates, 2 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.

JACKSON (Jackson)

1870-- Birth Record, 5 vols. 1870-99, chron. by date filed; 1900-1910, alph. by first letter of surname of child; 1911--, arr. by year, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1870-- Birth Certificates, 2 stacks, 1 box, 7 envelopes, 3 bundles, 1 file drawer. Chronby date filed.

KANABEC (Mora)

Birth Record, 5 vols. By year, alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder.

Separate index. 1883-1908, death records also included.

1883-- Birth Certificates, 2 file drawers. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder.

KANDIYOHI (Willmar)

1870-- Birth Record, 8 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1870-99 Birth Certificates, 24 file drawers. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder.

KITTSON (Hallock)

1878-- Birth Record, 4 vols. Chron. by date filed.
Separate index. Death records are included.

1889 -- Birth Certificates, I file drawer. Chron. by date filed.



KOOCHICHING (International Falls)
1907-- Birth Records, 4 vols. Chron. by date filed.
Separate index.

LAC QUI PARLE (Madison)
1872-- Birth Record, 6 vols. Alph. by name of local
unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1889-1910 Birth Certificates, 22 bundles, 1 box. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Death certificates also included.

LAKE (Two Harbors)
1891-- Birth Record, 4 vols. Chron. by date filed.
Separate index.

LAKE OF THE WOODS (Baudette)

1895-- Register of Births, 4 vols. Chron. by date
filed. Separate index. Death records
also included.

1895 -- Birth Certificates, 5 file drawers. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates also included.

LE SUEUR (Le Center)

1870-- Birth Record, 5 vols. By local unit, chron.
thereunder. Separate index.

1870-- Birth Certificates, 1 box, 2 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.

LINCOLN (Ivanhoe)
1879-- Register of Births, 3 vols. Chron. by date
filed. Separate index.

LYON (Marshall)
1870-- Birth Record, 10 vols. By local unit, chron.
thereunder. Separate index.

1888-1910 Birth Certificates, 7 file boxes. Chron. by date filed.

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MCLEOD (Glencoe)

1870-- Birth Record, 5 vols. Chron. by date filed.
Separate index. Death records also included,
1870-99.

1870 -- Birth Certificates, 2 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.

MAHNOMEN (Mahnomen)

Birth Record, 2 vols. By local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index. 1907-10, death records also included. For prior records see Norman and Becker Counties.

1907-10 Birth Certificates, 1 box. Chron. by date filed.

MARSHALL (Warren)

1884-- Birth Record, 5 vols. Chron. by date registered. Separate index.

1894-1900 Birth Certificates, 7 file boxes. Chron. by date of filing. Death certificates also included.

MARTIN (Fairmont)

1870-- Birth Record, 5 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1870-1910 Birth Certificates, 2 file drawers. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates also included.

MEEKER (Litchfield)

1870-- Register of Births, 4 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index. 1870-1908, death records also included.

MILLE LACS (Milaca)

1871-- Birth Record, 5 vols. By local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1870-1911 Birth Certificates, 17 file drawers. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates also included.

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MORRISON (Little Falls)

1872-- Birth Record, 6 vols. By year, alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1870-1902 Birth Certificates, 62 boxes. Arr. alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Death certificates also included in these containers.

MOWER (Austin)

1870 -- Birth Record, 5 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1870-1910 Birth Certificates, 6 boxes. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates also included.

MURRAY (Slayton)

1873-- Birth Record, 3 vols. Arr. irregularly by local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

Date of first birth recorded is April 19, 1868.

NICOLLET (St. Peter)

1870 -- Register of Births, 6 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1870-- Birth Certificates, 23 boxes, 2 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.

NOBLES (Worthington)

1872-- Birth Record, 7 vols. 1872-1905, arr. alph. by first letter of surname of child; 1906-10, arr. chron.; 1911--, arr. by year, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

NORMAN (Ada)

Birth Record, 4 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1887-1909 Birth Certificates, 5 file drawers. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates also included.

OLMSTED (Rochester)

1871-- Birth Record, 8 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.



OTTER TAIL (Fergus Falls)

1871-- Birth Record, 11 vols. By year, alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1903-8 Birth Certificates, 3 file drawers. No obvious arr. Death certificates also included.

PENNINGTON (Thief River Falls)

Birth Record, 2 vols. Chron. by date filed.
Separate index. For prior records see
Polk and Red Lake Counties.

1910 -- Birth Certificates, 1 file drawer. Chron. by date filed.

PINE (Pine City)

1871-- Birth Record, 4 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1878-1902 Birth Certificates, 3 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.

PIPESTONE (Pipestone)

1879 -- Register of Births, 3 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1910-- Birth Certificates, 1 file drawer. Chron. by date filed.

POLK (Crookston)

1873-- Register of Births, 7 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1885-1910 Birth Certificates, 16 bundles. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates also included.

POPE (Glenwood)

1870 -- Birth Record, 5 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1870-1911 Birth Certificates, 3 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.



RAMSEY (St. Paul)
1870-1913 Register of Births, 2 vols. By local unit,
chron. thereunder. Separate index. Townships and villages only.

1914-- Register of births and deaths (twps. and villages only), 2 vols. By local unit, chron. there-under.

1874-90 Births (Register), 9 vols. By year, alph. by first letter of surname of child thereunder.

Register of Births (St. Paul), 20 vols. Alph.
by first letter of surname of child, chron.
thereunder. Board of Health, Room 202,
Public Safety Bldg., St. Paul.

1870-95 Register of Births (St. Paul, twps. and villages),
7 vols. Alph. by first letter of surname of
child, chron. thereunder.

Jan. 1, Birth Record (Certificates), 345 vols. Chron. 1912-- by date of birth. Separate index.

RED LAKE (Red Lake Falls)

1897-- Register of Births, 5 vols. Arr. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index. 1897-99 death records also included.

1897-1910 Birth Certificates, 6 boxes. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates also included.

REDWOOD (Redwood Falls)

1870-- Register of Births, 5 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1891-- Birth Certificates, 1 file drawer. Chron. by date filed.

RENVILLE (Olivia)

Birth Record, 6 vols. Chron. by date of filing. Separate index.

1892-1911 Birth Certificates, 10 file boxes. Chron. by date of filing.



RICE (Faribault)

1870-- Birth Record, 5 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

ROCK (Luverne)

Birth Record, 4 vols. Chron. by date registered. Separate index.

ROSEAU (Roseau)

1895-- Record of Births, 4 vols. Chron. by date filed.
Separate index. 1895-1905 death records also included.

1895 -- Birth Certificates, 5 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.

ST. LOUIS (Duluth)

1870-- Birth Record, 30 vols. By local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1870-1910 Birth Certificates, 31 file drawers. By local unit, chron. thereunder.

1911-- Delayed returns, Births, 6 file drawers. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates also included.

SCOTT (Shakopee)

Register of Births, 6 vols. 1871-99, arr. chron. by date filed; 1900-1910, arr. alph. by first letter of surname; 1911--, alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1878-1908 Birth Certificates, 9 file drawers. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Death certificates are also included.

SHERBURNE (Elk River)

1870-- Report of Births, 6 vols. 1870-1910, arr. chron. by date filed; 1911--, arr. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1870-- Birth Certificates, 6 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.



SIBLEY (Gaylord)

1870 -- Birth Record, 5 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1870-- Birth Certificates, 7 file boxes. Arr. chron. by date filed.

STEARNS (St. Cloud)

1870 -- Record of Births, 30 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

STEELE (Owatonna)

Birth Record, 5 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1900-1911 Birth Certificates, 6 bundles. Chron. by date filed.

STEVENS (Morris)

1872-- Register of Births, 5 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

SWIFT (Benson)

1871-- Register of Births, 5 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1888-1910 Birth Certificates, 4 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.

TODD (Long Prairie)

1870-- Birth Record, 6 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

TRAVERSE (Wheaton)

1881-- Birth Record, 6 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1881-1910 Birth Certificates, 30 file boxes. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Death certificates also included.

WABASHA (Wabasha)

1870-- Record of Births, 7 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.



WABASHA (Wabasha), cont.

1870-91 Birth Certificates, 1 file box. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates also included.

WADENA (Wadena)

1873 -- Birth Record, 5 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

WASECA (Waseca)

1870 -- Birth Record, 5 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1870-1910 Birth Certificates, 28 compartments. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates also included.

WASHINGTON (Stillwater)

1870-- Register of Births, 5 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index. 1870-89 death records also included.

1871-- Corrected Birth Records, 1 file box. Chron. by date filed.

WATONWAN (St. James)

1870-- Register of Births, 5 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1870-1908 Birth Certificates, 10 file drawers. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates also included.

WILKIN (Breckenridge)

1882-- Register of Births, 3 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1884-- Birth Certificates, 4 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.

WINONA (Winona)

Register of Births, 7 vols. 1870-1910, arr. alph. by first letter of surname of child; 1911--, arr. alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

WINONA (Winona), cont.

1870-1910 Birth Certificates, 4 file boxes. Arr. chron.

by date of filing. Death certificates also

included.

WRIGHT (Buffalo)

1870-- Birth Register, 7 vols. Chron. by date filed.

Separate index. 1870-79 death records also included.

1870-1920 Birth Certificates, 50 bundles. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates also included.

YELLOW MEDICINE (Granite Falls)
1872-- Register of Births, 6 vols. Chron. by date
filed. Separate index.

1888-1900 Birth Certificates, 1 file drawer. Chron. by date filed. Death certificates also included.

Birth records for townships and municipalities will be found listed with birth and death records after the heading Deaths.

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DEATHS

State Records

State records of deaths are found in the office of the Division of Birth and Death Records and Vital Statistics, 469 State Office Building, Saint Paul. The cost of certified copies of entries is 50 cents.

- 1. DEATHS, 1900-1907. 144,431 cards in 63 file drawers (dated).

 Card record of death certificates reported by registrars of local units, showing date of death, place of death (names of counties and township, village, or city), cause of death, duration of illness, name of deceased, age, occupation, birthplace, names, addresses, and places of births of parents, names and addresses of attending physician and undertaker, place of burial, permit number, name and address of reporter. Arr. by year, alph. by name of county, alph. by first letter of surname of deceased thereunder. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Cards, 3 x 5; 36 drawers, 4 x 6 x 16; 27 drawers, 4 x 12 x 30. Room 469, State Office Building.
- 2. DEATHS (CERTIFICATES), 1908--. 1,668 vols. (Dated and labeled by inclusive certificate nos.). Original certificates of deaths as reported by township, village, or city clerks, showing certificate number, district number, place of death (name of county, township, village, or city, length of time in hospital or institution, length of time in community), name of usual residence, full name of deceased, social security number, if veteran (name of war), sex, color, or race, marital status, name of husband or wife, age, date of birth, usual occupation, birthplace, names and addresses of parents, signature of informant, address, where buried or removed, signature of embalmer or funeral director, address, date report received, and signature of local registrar; medical certification, showing date of death, immediate cause of death, duration of illness, major findings of operation and autopsy, date, and address and signature of physician. Arr. numerically by certificate no. For index see entry 4. Handwritten and typed on pr. fm. 50 loose-leaf pp. 7 x 9 x 22. Room 469, State Office Bldg.
- 3. DELAYED RETURNS, DEATHS, 1908--. 10 vols., 3 loose-leaf binders (all dated).
 Original certificates of deaths reported by registrars of local units too late to be included with regular returns; for description of contents see entry 2. Arr. by year, alph. by name of county thereunder. For index see entry 4. Handwritten and typed on pr. fm. Vols., 500 pp., 7 x 9 x 2½; binders, 500 pp. 12 x 9 x 2½. Room 469, State Office Bldg.



4. DEATHS (INDEX), 1908--. 50 file drawers (dated and lettered).

Serves as an index to original certificates of deaths in entries 2 and 3, showing date of death, certificate number, name of decedent, age, place of death, name of township, village, or city,

and name of county. Arr. alph. by name of decedent. Typed. Cards, 3 x 5; drawers, 4 x 18 x 30. Room 469, State Office Bldg.

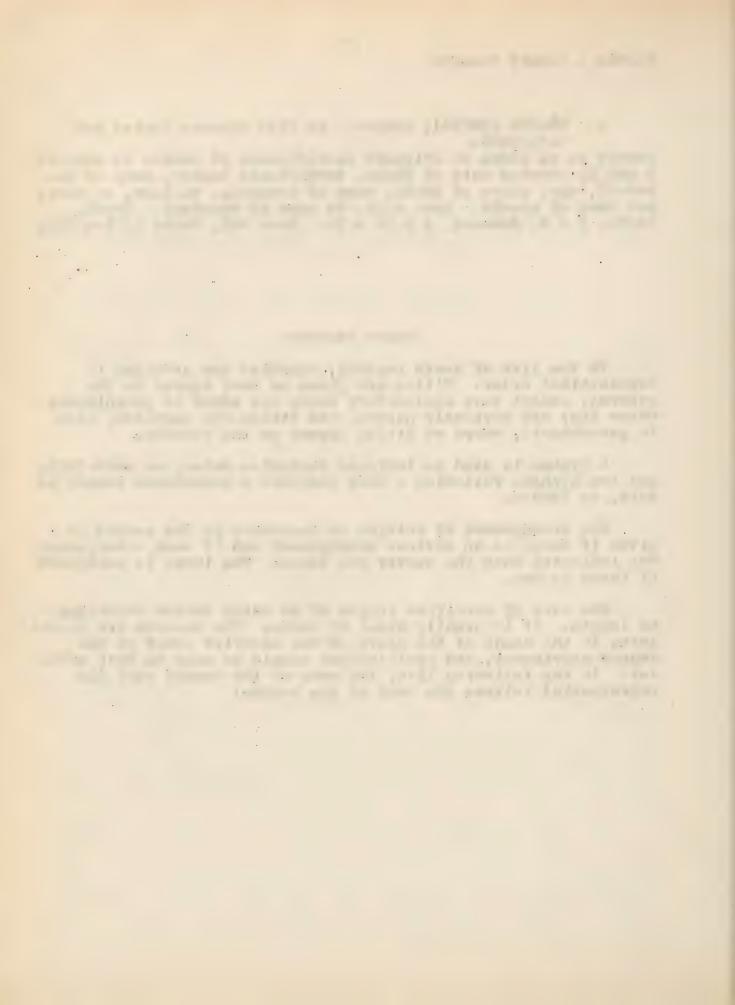
County Records

In the list of death records, counties are arranged in alphabetical order. Titles are given as they appear on the records, except that explanatory words are added in parenthesis where they are obviously needed, and titles are supplied, also in parenthesis, where no titles appear on the records.

A hyphen is used to indicate inclusive dates, as 1883-1910; and two hyphens following a date indicate a continuous record to date, as 1883--.

The arrangement of entries or documents in the record is given if there is an obvious arrangement and if such arrangement was indicated when the survey was taken. The index is mentioned if there is one.

The cost of certified copies of an entry varies according to length. It is usually about 50 cents. The records are in all cases in the hands of the clerk of the district court in the county courthouse, and applications should be made to that officer. In the following list, the name of the county seat (in parenthesis) follows the name of the county.



AITKIN (Aitkin)

1883-- Record of Deaths, 5 vols. Chron. 1883-1908, 1929--, record of births is also included.

1883-1911 (Death Certificates), 16 boxes.

ANOKA (Anoka)

1870 -- Register of Deaths, 3 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1870-1910 Death Certificates, 41 bundles. Chron. by date filed.

BECKER (Detroit Lakes)

1871-- Register of Deaths, 6 vols. 1871-1900 arr.
alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder; 1901--, alph. by name of decedent.
Separate index.

1872-1910 Birth-Death Certificates, 48 bundles, 1 box. Chron.

BELTRAMI (Bemidji)

1896 -- Register of Deaths, 3 vols. By year, alph. by first letter of surname of decedent. Separate index.

1896-1911 Return of Deaths, 2 file drawers. Chron.

BENTON (Foley)

1870 -- Death Record, 5 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1886 -- Birth-Death, 6 file drawers. Chron.

BIG STONE (Ortonville)

Register of Deaths, 5 vols. 1881-1910, by local unit, alph. by first letter of surname thereunder; 1911--, chron.

1881-1911 Death Certificates, 25 file boxes, 7 envelopes.
Chron. by date filed. Birth certificates are also included.

 Blue Earth (Mankato)

1870 -- Record of Deaths, 6 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1870 -- Death Certificates, 9 file drawers. Chron.

BROWN (New Ulm)

1870 -- Death Record, 5 vols. Chron.

1870-1910 Death Certificates, 10 bundles. Chron.

CARLTON (Carlton)

1870 -- Register of Deaths, 4 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1870 -- Birth-Death, 2 file drawers. Chron.

CARVER (Chaska)

1870-- Death Record, 7 vols. Alph. by first letter of surname of decedent, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1895 -- Birth-Death Certificates, 2 file drawers. Chron.

CASS (Walker)

1896-- Death Record, 4 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1896-1910 Return of Deaths, 1 file drawer. Chron. by date filed.

CHIPPEWA (Montevideo)

1870 -- Register of Deaths, 4 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1882-1910 Death Certificates, 5 bundles, 1 file box. Chron.

CHISAGO (Center City)

1870 -- Record of Deaths, 7 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1870-1910 (Death Certificates), 6 linear feet on shelves.

CLAY (Moorhead)

1873-- Register of Deaths, 5 vols. Chron. Self-contained and separate indexes.

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CLAY (Moorhead), cont.
1880-1911 (Death Certificates), 4 file drawers.

CLEARWATER (Bagley)

1902 -- Register of Deaths, 5 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1903-12 Birth-Death Reports, 2 file drawers. Chron.

COOK (Grand Marais)

Death Register, 4 vols. Chron. by date filed.

Separate index. Birth records also included.

1900-1910 Death Certificates, 1 file drawer. Chron. by date filed. Birth certificates also included.

COTTONWOOD (Windom)

Death Record, 6 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1877-- Death Certificates, 7 file drawers. Birth certificates also included.

CROW WING (Brainerd)

Deaths, 5 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

DAKOTA (Hastings)

1870 -- Death Record, 6 vols. Chron. Separate index.

DODGE (Mantorville)

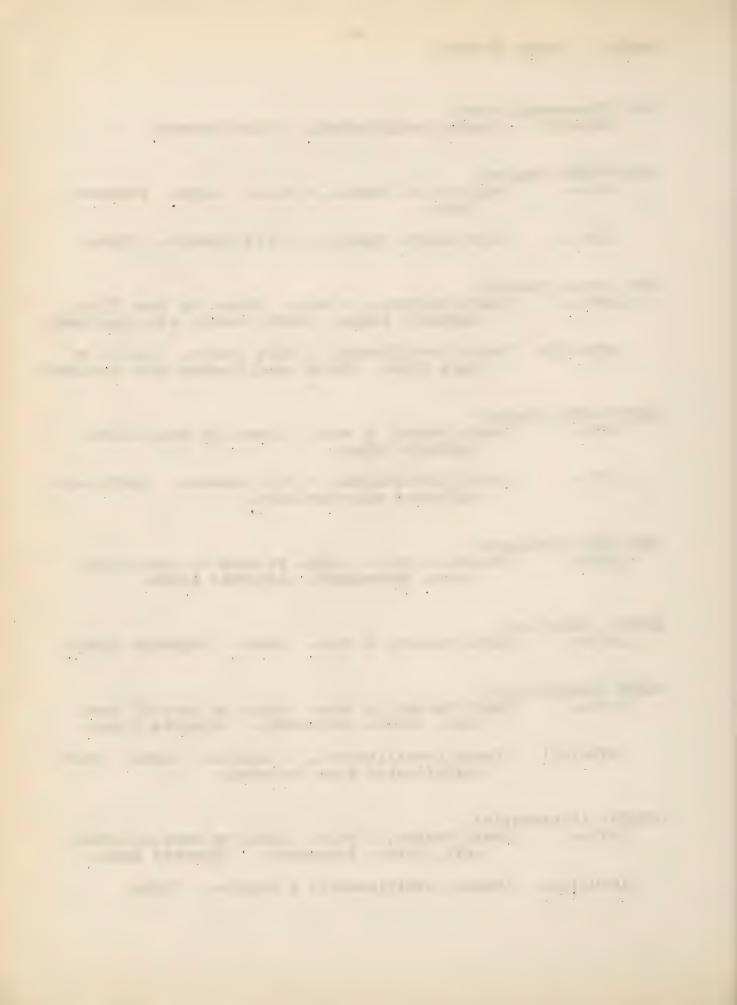
Death Record, 4 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1878-1911 (Death Certificates), 2 bundles. Chron. Birth certificates also included.

DOUGLAS (Alexandria)

1870 -- Death Record, 7 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1870-1910 (Death Certificates), 2 bundles. Chron.



FARIBAULT (Blue Earth)

1870 -- Death Record, 4 vols. Chron. Separate index.

FILLMORE (Preston)

1870 -- Register of Deaths, 4 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1897-1907 Birth-Death (Certificates), 1 box, 4 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.

FREEBORN (Albert Lea)

1870 -- Record of Deaths, 8 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1895-1903 Birth-Death, 3 file boxes. Chron.

GOODHUE (Red Wing)

1870-- Record of Deaths, 6 vols. Chron. Separate index. 1870-1907, birth records also included.

GRANT (Elbow Lake)

1877-- Return of Deaths, 5 vols. Vols. A, B, E, arr. by year, alph. by name of local unit, chronthereunder. Vols. C, D, arr. alph. by name of decedent.

1883-1911 Return of Births-Deaths, 4 file drawers, 1 box. Chron. by date filed.

HENNEPIN (Minneapolis)

1886-98 Record of Deaths (Minneapolis, Twps., and Villages), 30 vols. Num. by registration no. Separate index.

1899 -- Record of Birth-Death, 38 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1886-1907 Record of Deaths (Minneapolis), 9 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1870-1911 Register of Deaths (Minneapolis), 11 vols. Alph.
by first letter of surname of decedent. Room
401 City Hall.

Jan. 1888- Deaths (Certificates), 17 boxes. Chron. Separate Apr. 1913 index.



HENNEPIN (Minneapolis), cont.

May 1913 Deaths (Certificates), 242 vols. Num. by certificate no. Separate index.

HOUSTON (Caledonia)

1870 -- Death Record, 4 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1870-1911 Death Reports (Certificates), 4 envelopes, 1 file drawer. Chron.

HUBBARD (Park Rapids)

Record of Deaths, 4 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1887-1910 Birth-Death (Certificates), 14 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.

ISANTI (Cambridge)

1873-- Register of Deaths, 4 vols. Chron. Separate index.

ITASCA (Grand Rapids)

1894-- Register of Deaths, 3 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1894-1911 Death Returns, 2 file drawers. Chron.

JACKSON (Jackson)

1870 -- Death Record, 5 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1870-- Birth-Death, 2 stacks, 1 box, 7 envelopes, 3 bundles, 1 file drawer. Chron.

KANABEC (Mora)

1883 -- Record of Deaths, 5 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1883-- Birth-Death Returns, 2 file drawers. Chron.

KANDIYOHI (Willmar)

1870 -- Death Record, 6 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1870-1910 Death Record (Certificates), 4 file drawers. Chron.



KITTSON (Hallock)

1878-- Return of Deaths, 4 vols. Chron. Separate index. 1878-1900, birth records also included.

1889-1912 (Death Certificates), 1 file drawer. Chron.

KOOCHICHING (International Falls)

1907 -- Record of Deaths, 3 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

LAC QUI PARLE (Madison)

1872-- Death Record, 6 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1889-1910 Birth-Death (Certificates), 22 bundles, 1 box. Chron.

LAKE (Two Harbors)

1891-- Register of Deaths, 3 vols. Chron. Separate index.

LAKE OF THE WOODS (Baudette)

1896 -- Death Record, 3 vols. Chron. Separate index.

LE SUEUR (Le Center)

1870 -- Death Record, 5 vols. By local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1870-- Return of Death Certificates, 8 file drawers.

By local unit, chron. thereunder.

LINCOLN (Ivanhoe)

1879 -- Register of Deaths, 3 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

LYON (Marshall)

1874 -- Deaths, 5 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1884-1911 Death Records (Certificates), 5 file drawers. Chron.

MCLEOD (Glencoe)

1870 -- Death Records, 5 vols. Chron. Separate index.



MAHNOMEN (Mahnomen)

1907-- Death Record, 2 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

MARSHALL (warren)

1884-- Register of Deaths, 5 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1894-1900 Birth-Death Reports, 7 file boxes. Chron.

MARTIN (Fairmont)

1870 -- Record of Deaths, 5 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1870-1910 Birth-Death (Certificates), 2 file drawers. Chron.

MEEKER (Litchfield)

1870 -- Register of Deaths, 4 vols. Chron. Separate index. 1870-1909, birth records also included.

MILLE LACS (Milaca)

1871-- Death Record, 5 vols. By local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1870-1911 Death (Certificates), 17 file drawers. Chron. by date filed. Birth certificates also included.

MORRISON (Little Falls)

1870 -- Death Record, 6 vols. Separate index.

1870-1902 Birth-Death Certificates, 62 boxes. Chron.

MOWER (Austin)

1870 -- Register of Deaths, 4 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1870-1910 Births-Deaths, 6 boxes. Chron.

MURRAY (Slayton)

Death Record, 3 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

NICOLLET (St. Peter)

1870 -- Register of Deaths, 6 vols. Chron. Separate index.



NICOLLET (St. Peter), cont.

1870-- Birth-Death, 23 boxes, 2 file drawers. Chron.

NOBLES (Worthington)
1872-- Report of Deaths, 6 vols. Chron. Separate index.

NORMAN (Ada)

1881-- Death Record, 5 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron: thereunder. Separate index.

1887-1909 Birth-Death (Certificates), 5 file drawers. Chron.

OLMSTED (Rochester)
1871-- Death Record, 8 vols. Chron. Separate index.

OTTER TAIL (Fergus Falls)
1871-- Deaths, 9 vols. Alph. by name of local unit,
chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1903-8 Return of Birth-Death, 3 file drawers. Chron.

PENNINGTON (Thief River Falls)
1910-- Return of Deaths, 1 vol. Chron. Separate index.

PINE (Pine City)
1871-- Record of Deaths, 5 vols. Chron. Separate index.
1878-1910 Birth-Death Returns, 4 file drawers. Chron.

PIPESTONE (Pipestone)
1879-- Register of Deaths, 3 vols. Chron. Separate index.

POLK (Crookston)
1873-- Register of Deaths, 5 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1885-1910 Birth-Death Reports, 16 bundles. Chron.

POPE (Glenwood)
1870-- Register of Deaths, 4 vols. Chron. Separate index.



1897-1912

POPE (Glenwood), cont. 1870-1911 Death (Certificates), 2 file drawers. Chron.

RAMSEY (St. Paul)
1870-1914 Death Register, 10 vols. By local unit, chronthereunder. Separate index.

Register of Birth-Death (Twps. and villages only),
2 vols. By local unit, chron. thereunder.
Separate index. No certificates of deaths were
registered for the city of St. Paul after 1890.

1866-- Mortuary Record (City of St. Paul), 10 vols.

Alph. by first letter of surname of decedent, chron. thereunder. Room 202 Public Safety Bldg., St. Paul.

1878-1908 Death Certificates, 29 file drawers. Chron. by date of death. Separate index.

1909 -- Mortuary Record (Certificates), 198 vols. Chron. by date of death. Separate index.

RED LAKE (Red Lake Falls)

1897-- Register of Deaths, 4 vols. Alph. by first letter of surname of decedent, chron. thereunder.

Separate index.

Separate index.

Birth-Death Certificates, 6 boxes. Chron.

REDWOOD (Redwood Falls)

1870-- Register of Deaths, 5 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

RENVILLE (Olivia)
1872-- Register of Deaths, 6 vols. Chron. by date filed.

1882-1910 Death Reports, 7 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.

RICE (Faribault)
1870-- Register of Deaths, 4 vols. Chron. Separate index.



ROCK COUNTY (Luverne)

1870 -- Register of Deaths, 4 vols. Chron. Separate index.

ROSEAU (Roseau)

1895-1905 Birth Record, 1 vol. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1906 -- Register of Deaths, 2 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1895 -- Birth-Death Reports (Certificates), 5 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.

ST. LOUIS (Duluth)

1870-- Death Record, 27 vols. By local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1870-1910 Death Certificates, 37 file drawers. By local unit, chron. thereunder.

1911-- Delayed Returns, Deaths, 6 file drawers. Chron. by date filed. Birth certificates also included.

ST. LOUIS (City of Duluth)

1870-77, Register of Deaths, 2 vols. Chron. Self-1889-1900, contained. Room 410, City Hall. July 1911-Dec. 1911

1877-88, Register of Birth-Death, 6 vols. Chron. Self-1901-June contained. 30, 1911

1902-34 Death Record, 4 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1935-- Deaths, 3 file drawers. Alph. by surname of decedent (soundex system).

1871-92 Birth-Death (Village of Oneota now part of Duluth), 1 vol. Chron. Self-contained.

SCOTT (Shakopee)

1871 -- Register of Deaths, 6 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1878-1908 Birth-Death, 9 file drawers. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder.

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SHERBURNE (Elk River)

1870 -- Report of Deaths, 6 vols. By name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1870-- Birth-Death (Certificates), 6 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.

SIBLEY (Gaylord)

1870 -- Death Record, 3 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1870 -- Death Notices, 5 file boxes. Chron.

STEARNS (St. Cloud)

1870 -- Return of Deaths, 29 vols. Chron. Separate index.

STEELE (Owatonna)

1870 -- Death Record, 5 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1900-1911 Return of Deaths, 8 bundles. Chron.

STEVENS (Morris)

1872 -- Register of Deaths, 3 vols. Chron. Separate index.

SWIFT (Benson)

1871-- Register of Deaths, 4 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1888 -- Death Certificates, 4 file drawers.

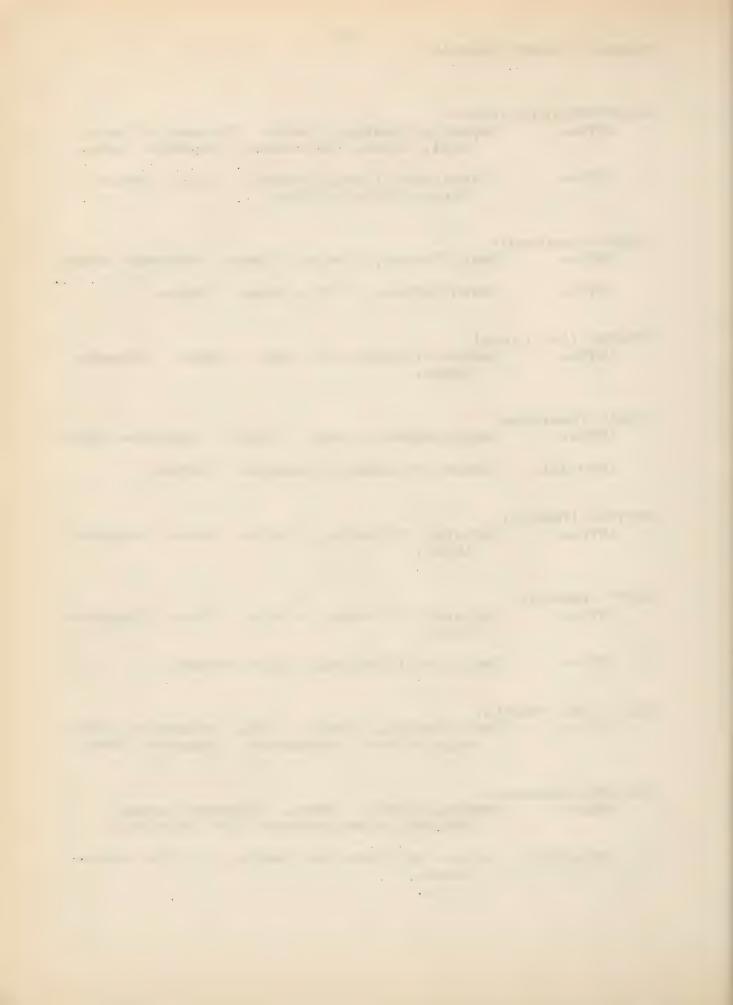
TODD (Long Prairie)

1870 -- Death Record, 6 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

TRAVERSE (Wheaton)

1881-- Deaths, 6 vols. Chron. Separate index. 1881-96, birth records also included.

1881-1910 Returns of Births and Deaths, 30 file boxes.
Chron.



WABASHA (Wabasha)

1870 -- Record of Deaths, 7 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1870-1911 Return of Deaths, 1 bundle, 1 file drawer. Chron.

WADENA (Wadena)

1873 -- Report of Deaths, 5 vols. Chron. Separate index.

WASECA (Waseca)

1870 -- Death Record, 4 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1870-1910 (Death Certificates), 28 compartments in shelving.

WASHINGTON (Stillwater)

1870-- Register of Deaths, 4 vols. By local unit, chronthereunder. Separate index. 1870-79 birth records also included.

1903-10 Death Notices, 1 box. Chron.

WATONWAN (St. James)

1870 -- Deaths, 5 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1870-1908 Certificates of Births and Deaths, 10 file drawers. Chron.

WILKIN (Breckenridge)

1883 -- Register of Deaths, 4 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1884-- Death Certificates, 3 file drawers. Chron.

WINONA (Winona)

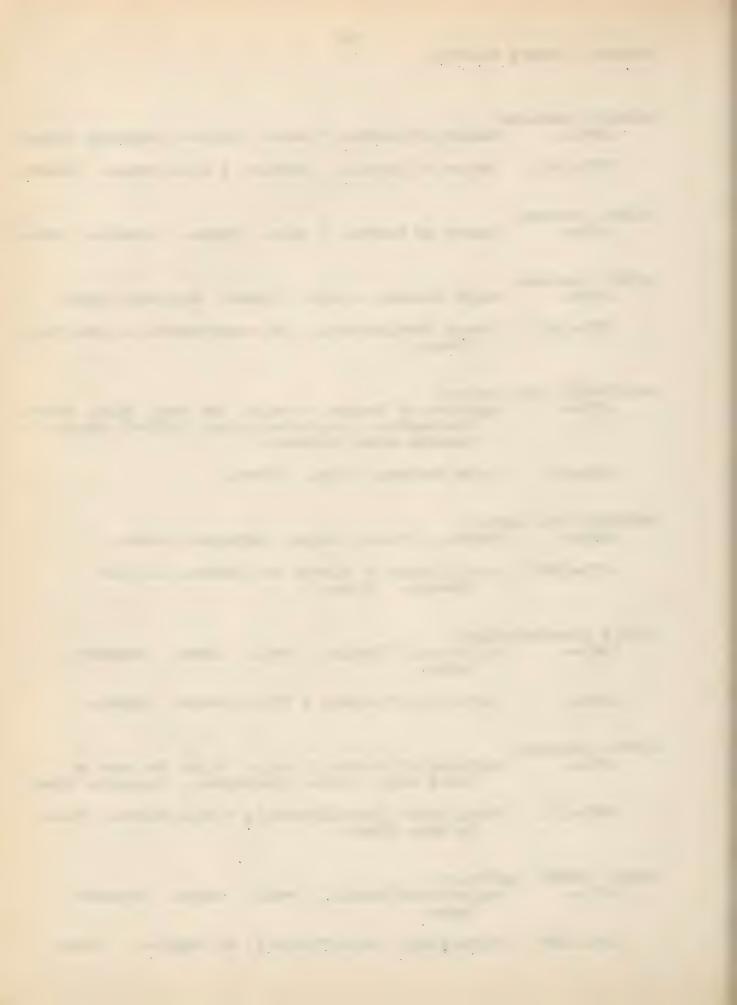
1870-- Register of Deaths, 5 vols. Alph. by name of local unit, chron. thereunder. Separate index.

1870-1910 Birth-Death (Certificates), 4 file boxes. Chronby date filed.

WRIGHT COUNTY (Buffalo)

1870 -- Register of Deaths, 6 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1870-1920 Birth-Death (Certificates), 50 bundles. Chron.



YELLOW MEDICINE (Granite Falls)

1872 -- Register of Deaths, 5 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1888-1900 Birth-Death (Certificates), 1 file drawer. Chron.

Township and Municipal Records

The list of township records which follows is arranged alphabetically by counties and alphabetically by townships and municipalities within each county. Birth and death records are both given in this list, as in most local units they are kept together. The general practice has been to devote a section of the book to births and another to deaths, with a chronological arrangement under each head.

The registers are the original book record. As a general practice, there are self-contained indexes alphabetical by the first letter of the surname and chronological thereunder.

The cost of certified copies is 50 cents. Applications should be made to the township or village clerk who is custodian of the records. His address is wherever he resides; and, since there are frequent changes of clerks, the addresses given, which were approximately correct when the survey was taken, may not be correct at any future time. Addresses are, therefore, only approximately correct.

Applications for certificates of vital statistics records should be made to the State or to the county whenever possible, as township records may not be complete.

The following inventory is a partial one. Many local units are missing, and no effort has been made to list the loose material containing the original information.

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Births and Deaths - Township, Municipality

AITKIN COUNTY AITKIN COUNTY, cont. Township Township Aitkin (Aitkin) Kimberly (Kimberly) 1914-- Birth-Death 1914--Birth-Death 2 vols. l vol. Bain (Bain) Lakeside (Isle) Birth-Death 1913--Birth-Death 1919-l vol. l vol. Ball Bluff (Jacobson) Lee (East Lake) Birth-Death 1900--Birth-Death 1905--1 vol. 2 vols. Cornish (Jacobson) 1907-26 Death. 1 vol. 1910--Birth-Death 1915-16 1 vol. 1919-20 1923-29 Birth (Cert.) Davidson (Kimberly) Death, 1 vol. Birth-Death 1908-13 1 vol. Le May (Aitkin) 1915--1912-32 Birth-Death 1 vol. Esquagamah (Little Pine) 1 vol. Birth-Death Libby (Libby) 1910--1 vol. 1911--Birth-Death Farm Island (Aitkin) l vol. Birth, 2 vols. Death, 1 vol. 1908-15 1908-24 Birth-Death 1900--Logan (Palisade) 2 vols. 1914--Birth-Death, 1 v. Death, 2 vols. 1909-18 McGregor (McGregor) Fleming (Lansford) Birth-Death 1900--1900-1907 Birth-Death 2 vols. Macville (Swatara) 2 vols. 1908-15 Birth, 1 vol. 1904--Birth-Death 1908-15 Death, 1 vol. l vol. Glen (Aitkin) Malmo (Glen) Birth, 1 vol. 1913-14 1911--Birth-Death 1915--Birth-Death l vol. Morrison (Waldeck) l vol. Birth, 2 vols. Birth-Death 1908-11 Death, 1 vol. 1908-14 Hazelton (Aitkin) 1915--Birth-Death 1896--2 vols. Birth (Cert.) 3 vols. 1934-l vol. Hebron (Bain) Nordland (Aitkin) 1908--Birth-Death Birth, 1 vol. l vol. 1908-14 Hill Lake (Hill City) Birth-Death 1891--Birth-Death 3 vols. 1912--Quadna (Washburn) 1 vol. Jevne (Axtell) 1912-32 Birth-Death 1903--Birth-Death 1933 2 vols. l vol.

Births and Deaths - Township, Municipality

AITKIN COUNTY, cont. ANOKA COUNTY, cont. Township Township Ruth (Washburn) Bethel (Cedar) 1921-32 Birth-Death Birth-Death 1871-l vol. 3 vols. Shovel Lake (Shovel Lake) Blaine (Anoka) 1913--Birth-Death 1877--Birth-Death l vol. 3 vols. Spencer (Aitkin) Burns (Anoka) 1896-1907 Birth-Death 1890--Birth-Death . l vol. 2 vols. Birth-Death Centerville (Hugo) 1908-l vol. 1871--Birth-Death Turner (McGregor) 4 vols. 1917--Birth-Death Columbus (Forest Lake) 1871 ---Birth-Death 1 vol. Verdon (Verdon) 2 vols. 1903--Birth-Death Fridley (Anoka) Birth-Death l vol. 1887--Waukenabo (Palisade) l vol. Grow (Constance) 1893--Birth-Death Birth-Death 1 vol. 1871--Wealthwood (Aitkin) 4 vols. 1907--Birth-Death Ham Lake (Constance) Birth-Death l vol. 1871--3 vols. White Elk (Bain) 1910--Birth-Death Linwood (Wyoming) 1 vol. 1871--Birth-Death 2 vols. Workman (McGregor) Birth-Death Oak Grove (Cedar) 1914--1 vol. 1871--Birth-Death Village 5 vols. St. Francis (St. Francis) Aitkin 1873-76 1880--Birth-Death Birth-Death 1886--7 vols. 4 vols. Hill City 1914--Birth-Death BECKER COUNTY 2 vols. Township McGregor Birth-Death Atlanta (Ulen) 1905--2 vols. 1907--Birth-Death Palisade l vol. Audubon (Detroit Lakes) Birth-Death 1922--Birth-Death l vol. 1872--3 vols. Burlington (Frazee) ANOKA COUNTY 1875-1908 Township Birth-Death Anoka (Anoka) 1914--3 vols. Birth-Death

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BECKER COUNTY, cont. BECKER COUNTY. cont. Township Township Lake Eunice (Audubon) Burlington (Frazee) Birth-Death 1907-14 Birth (Certificates) 4 vols. 1 vol. Lake View (Detroit Lakes) Birth-Death Callaway (Callaway) 1873--Birth-Death 2 vols. 1906--1 vol. Maple Grove (White Earth) Carsonville (Ponsford) 1900--Birth-Death 1881-99 Birth-Death 1 vol. 1915--2 vols. Osage (Osage) 1908-15 (Certificates) 1917--Birth Death 5 vols. 4 vols. Pine Point (Ponsford) Cormorant (Pelican Rapids) 1871--Birth-Death Birth-Death 1928--4 vols. 2 vols. 1908-14 Certificates Richwood (Detroit Lakes) l vol. 1872--Birth-Death Cuba (Lake Park) 4 vols. 1872-88 Birth-Death Riceville (Callaway) 1900--2 vols. 1912--Birth-Death 1908-20 Certificates l vol. l vol. Round Lake (Ponsford) Detroit (Detroit Lakes) Birth-Death 1921--1914--Birth-Death 1 vol. Runeberg (Managha) l vol. Erie (Detroit Lakes) 1884-1900 Birth-Death 1880--Birth-Death 1914--3 vols. 4 vols. Shell Lake (Detroit Lakes) Birth-Death Evergreen (Frazee) 1897--1888-1908 Birth-Death 2 vols. Silver Leaf (Frazee) 1914--4 vols. 1888-1907 Birth-Death 1910-14 Certificates (Birth) 2 vols. 1913--3 vols. Grand Park (Rochert) Spring Creek (Ogema) 1911-38 Birth-Death 1915--Birth-Death 1 vol. 2 vols. Spruce Grove (Frazee) Green Valley (Osage) Birth-Death Birth-Death 1889 --1887--1 vol. 5 vols. Sugar Bush (Ogema) Hamden (Audubon) 1892--Birth-Death 1872--Birth-Death 3 vols. 2 vols. Height of Land (Frazee) Toad Lake (Frazee) 1892--Birth-Death 1885 --Birth-Death 2 vols. 2 vols. Walworth (Ulen) Holmesville (Rochert) Birth-Death 1882--Birth-Death 1915--3 vols. 1 vol.



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BECKER COUNTY. cont. BENTON COUNTY, cont. Township Township White Earth (Ogema) Maywood (Oak Park) 1907--Birth-Death 1871--Birth-Death 6 vols. 3 vols. Wolf Lake (Frazee) 2 booklets Birth-Death 1896--Minden (St. Cloud) 2 vols. 1871--Birth-Death 4 v. Village St. George (Foley) Audubon 1871--Birth-Death 4 v. 1887-1905 Birth-Death Sauk Rapids (Sauk Rapids) 1912-36 3 vols. 1915--Birth-Death 1 v. Detroit Lakes Watab (Rice) 1872-86 Birth-Death 1871--Birth-Death 3 v. 1900-1917 7 vols. 3 booklets Lake Park Village 1900--Birth-Death Foley Birth Record l vol. 1910-20 Ogema l vol. 1908--Birth-Death 1921--Birth-Death l vol. 2 vols. Ronneby 1921--Eirth-Death BELTRAMI COUNTY l vol. Township Sauk Rapids Eckles (Bemidji) 1886-1900 Birth-Death 1900--Birth-Death 1908--7 vols. 2 vols. 8 booklets BENTON COUNTY BIG STONE COUNTY Township Township Alberta (Foley) Browns Valley (Beardsley) 1923 -- Birth 1 vol. Birth-Death 1900--1870-1932 3 vols. 2 vols. 4 booklets Moonshine (Johnson) Birth-Death Gilmanton (Foley) 1883--1887--Birth-Death 3 vols. 2 vols. Village Glendorado (Foley) Barry Birth-Death 1912--Birth-Death 1871--5 vols. 1 vol. Granite Ledge (Oak Park) Beardsley Birth-Death 1887--Birth-Death 1900--3 vols. 2 vols. Langola (Rice) Clinton Birth-Death 1920--Birth-Death 1900--2 vols. l vol. Mayhew Lake (Oak Park) Graceville Birth-Death 1899--Birth-Death 1900--3 vols. 9 vols.

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BLUE EARTH COUNTY BLUE EARTH COUNTY, cont. Township Township Beauford (Mapleton) McPherson (Saint Clair) Birth-Death 1871-- Birth-Death 4 vols. 8 vols. Butternut Valley (Lake Mankato (Mankato) Crystal) 1871--Birth-Death 1870--Birth-Death 6 vols. 2 vols. Mapleton (Mapleton) Cambria (Cambria) 1870--Birth-Death 1914--Birth-Death 2 vols. Medo (Pemberton) l vol. Ceresco (Ceresco) 1870--Birth-Death 1889-99 Birth-Death 1 v. 4 vols. 1907--Birth 1 vol. Pleasant Mound (Upton) 2 booklets 1916--Birth-Death 1908--Death l vol. 2 vols. Rapidan (Good Thunder) 1 booklet Danville (Mapleton) 1871-- Birth-Death 1871-75 Birth-Death 8 vols. 1880--5 vols. Shelby (Amboy) Decoria (Pemberton) 1908--Birth 2 vols. 1871--Birth-Death 1914--Death 1 vol. Birth-Death 7 vols. 1914--Garden City (Garden City) 1 vol. 1870-99 Birth South Bend (South Bend) 1908--Birth 1870--Birth 1870-99 Death 1870-1907 Death Death 1915--1914--Jamestown (Madison Lake) 3 vols. Sterling (Sterling Center) 1870-- Birth-Death Death 3 vols. 1872--1880--Birth 3 vols. Judson (Lake Crystal) 2 vols. Vernon Center (Myrna) Birth-Death Birth Death 2 vols. 1872--4 vols. Le Ray (Eagle Lake) 1871-1907 Birth-Death Village Good Thunder 1915--3 vols. 1905--Birth-Death Lime (Mankato) 1871-74 Birth-Death 7 vols. 1887-1907 Birth-Death Mapleton 1914-- 4 vols. Birth-Death 1878--Lincoln (Lake Crystal) 2 volc. 1872--Birth 2 vols. St. Clair 1908--Birth-Death 1872-99 Death l vol. 1908--2 vols. Vernon Center Lyra (Good Thunder) 1900--Birth-Death 1871-99 Birth-Death 1 vol. 1908--4 vols.



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Township	Township
Carlton (Carlton)	Hancock (Chaska)
1916-31 Birth-Death	1915 Birth-Death
l vol.	l vol.
Holyoke (Holyoke)	Hollywood (Chaska)
1904 Birth	
	1929 Birth-Death
1907 Death	l vol.
l vol.	San Franciso (Chaska)
Perch Lake (Cloquet)	1871 Birth-Death
1932 Birth-Death	3 vols.
2 vols.	1871-1908 Birth-Death
Progress (Carlton).	1914 3 vols.
1916-31 Birth	Watertown (Chaska)
1917-29 Death	1872 Birth-Death
l vol.	3 vols.
Red Clover (Carlton)	Young America (Young Ameri-
1896-1908 Birth-Death	
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1896-1908 Birth (Cert.)	1915 Birth-Death
1931 2 vols.	2 vols.
Sawyer (Cloquet)	Village
1920 Birth	Chanhassen
1920 Death	1896 Birth-Death
l vol.	l vol.
Village	Chaska
Carlton	1891-1907 Birth-Death
1887 Birth-Death	1914 3 vols.
2 vols.	1870-91 Birth 2 vols.
Cromwell	1891 Birth 6 vols.
1904 Birth-Death	
l vol.	Cologne 1892 Birth-Death 2 v.
Kettle River	Victoria
1921 Birth	1916 Birth-Death lv.
1922 Death	Young America
l vol.	1888-1900 Birth-Death
Moose Lake	1912 2 vols.
1910 Birth-Death	
5 vols.	
Thomson	CASS COUNTY
1891 Birth-Death	Township
l vol.	Ansel (Poplar)
	1915 Birth-Death
	l vol.
CARVER COUNTY	Barclay (Pine River)
	1916 Birth-Death
Township	
Camden (Waconia)	l vol.
1871 Birth-Death	Becker (Motley)
3 vols.	1899 Birth-Death
Dahlgren (Dahlgren)	l vol.
1871 Birth-Death	Beulah (Swatara)
5 vols.	1907 Birth-Death
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BECKER (Detroit Lakes)

1871-- Marriage Record, 14 vols. Chron. Self-contained index.

1872-- Marriage Returns (Original Certificates), 7 file boxes. Chron.

1885-1900 Applications for Marriage License, 1 vol. Chron-Self-contained index.

BELTRAMI (Bemidji)

1897-- Marriage Record, 11 vols. Chron. Self-contained index.

1897-- (Marriage Certificates), 5 file drawers. Chron.

BENTON (Foley)

1850 -- Marriage Record, 14 vols. Chron. Self-contained index.

1850 -- Marriage Certificates, 3 file drawers. Chron.

BIG STONE (Ortonville)

1887-1901 Marriage License Application Record, 3 vols. Chron. Self-contained index.

1881-- Marriage Record, 9 vols. Chron. by date of application. Self-contained.

1881 -- Certificates of marriage, 12 file boxes, 1 file drawer. Chron. by date filed.



BLUE EARTH (Mankato)

1865 -- Marriage Record, 29 vols. Chron. Self-

contained.

1870 -- Applications for Marriage License, 68 vols.

Chron. Self-contained.

1910 -- Marriage Returns, 8 file drawers. Chron.

BROWN (New Ulm)

1857-- Marriage Record, 25 vols. Chron. by application.

Self-contained.

1863 -- Certificates of Marriage, 23 bundles, 2 file

drawers. Chron. by date filed.

CARLTON (Carlton)

1871 -- Marriage Record. 21 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1871 -- Marriage Certificates, 4 file drawers. Chron.

CARVER (Chaska)

1856 -- Marriage Record, 17 vols. Chron. Self-contained

and separate indexes.

1907 -- Marriage Certificates, 4 file drawers. Chron.

CASS (Walker)

1897 -- Marriage Record, 9 vols. Chron. by date of ap-

plication. Separate index.

1898 -- Marriage License (Certificates), 6 file drawers.

Chron. by date filed.

CHIPPEWA (Montevideo)

1869 -- Marriage Record, 11 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1880 -- Marriage Certificates, 5 file drawers. Chron.

CHISAGO (Center City)

1852 -- Marriage Record, 15 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1852 -- Marriage Certificates, 41 folders. Chron.

1901-18 Applications for Marriage License, 10 folders.

Chron.

CLAY (Moorhead)
1872-- Marriage Record, 32 vols. Chron. Separate index.

CLEARWATER (Bagley)

1903 -- Marriage Record, 5 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1903 -- Certificates of Marriage, 2 file drawers. Chron.

COOK (Grand Marais)

1897 -- Marriage Record, 6 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

COTTONWOOD (Windom)

1871-- Marriage Record, 10 vols. Chron. by date of application. Self-contained.

1898-- Marriage Certificates, 4 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.

CROW WING (Brainerd)

1871-- Marriage Record, 15 vols. Chron. Self-contained and separate indexes.

1891 Marriage Certificates, 9 file boxes. Num. by file no. Separate index.

DAKOTA (Hastings)

1853-- Record of Marriages, 26 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1915 -- Marriage Returns, 13 file boxes. Chron.

DODGE (Mantorville)

Application for Marriage License, 1 vol., 16 bundles. Chron. Vol. has self-contained index; bundles, no index.

1858-- Marriage Record, 10 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1882-- Marriage Returns (Certificates), 15 bundles.
Chron.

DOUGLAS (Alexandria)

1866-- Marriage Record, 15 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1867-- Marriage (Certificates), l bundle, l file drawer. Chron.



FARIBAULT (Blue Earth)

1857-- Marriage License Record, 22 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1870 -- Marriage Certificates, 75 bundles. Chron.

FILLMORE (Preston)

1858 -- Marriage Record, 11 vols. Chron. Separate index.

FREEBORN (Albert Lea)

1857-- Marriage Certificates (Record), 16 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

GOODHUE (Red Wing)

June 18,

1854-- Marriage Record, 32 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1906 -- Marriage Certificates, 2 file drawers. Chron.

GRANT (Elbow Lake)

1869 -- Marriage Record, 7 vols. Chron. by date of application. Self-contained.

1886 -- Marriage Certificates, 2 file drawers. Chron.

HENNEPIN (Minneapolis)

1871-- Marriage Applications, 197 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1853 -- Marriage Licenses, 407 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1853-- Marriage Licenses (Certificates), 407 file drawers. Num. by certificate no. Separate index.

HOUSTON (Caledonia)

1854-- Marriage Record, 17 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1858-- Marriage Certificates, 3 file drawers. Chron.

HUBBARD (Park Rapids)

1884-- Marriage Records, 9 vols. Chron. by date of application. Self-contained.



HUBBARD (Park Rapids), cont.

1886-- (Marriage Certificates), 5 file drawers, 1 box.

Chron. by date filed.

ISANTI (Cambridge)
1873-- Marriage Record, 10 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1912-- Marriage Applications and Certificates, 8 file

drawers. Chron.

ITASCA (Grand Rapids)
1891-- Marriage Record, 10 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1896-- Marriage Certificates, 3 file drawers. Chron.

JACKSON (Jackson)
1868-- Marriage Record, 14 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1868-1912 Marriage Certificates, 1 stack, 3 bundles, 1 file
1921 drawer. Chron.
1927--

KANABEC (Mora)
1862-- Marriage Record, 6 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1884-- Marriage Returns (Certificates), 4 file drawers.

Chron.

KANDIYOHI (Willmar)

1912-- Application for Marriage License, 4 file drawers.

Chron.

1880-- Marriage Record, 10 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1880-- Marriage Certificates, 6 file drawers. Chron.

KITTSON (Hallock)
1881-- Marriage Record, 6 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1903-21 Marriage Applications, 1 file drawer. Chron.

1882-- Marriage Certificates, 2 file drawers. Chron.

KOOCHICHING (International Falls)
1907-- Marriage Record, 8 vols. Chron. Self-contained.



LAC QUI PARLE (Madison)

1872-- Marriage Record, 10 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1872 -- Marriage Certificates, 3 file boxes. Chron.

LAKE (Two Harbors)

1891 -- Marriage Record, 6 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

LAKE OF THE WOODS (Baudette)

1896 -- Marriage Record, 6 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1896 -- Marriage Certificates, 3 file drawers. Chron.

LE SUEUR (Le Center)

1854-- Marriage Record, 16 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1857 -- Application for Marriage, 9 file drawers. Chron.

1857 -- Marriage Certificates, 9 file drawers. Chron.

LINCOLN (Ivanhoe)

1879 -- Marriage Record, 8 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1881-- Marriage Returns (Certificates), 75 folders, 1 file drawer.

LYON (Marshall)

1877 -- Marriage Record, 14 vols. Chron. Separate index.

MCLEOD (Glencoe)

1865 -- Marriage Record, 20 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1860 -- Marriage Certificates, 2 file drawers. Chron.

MAHNOMEN (Mahnomen)

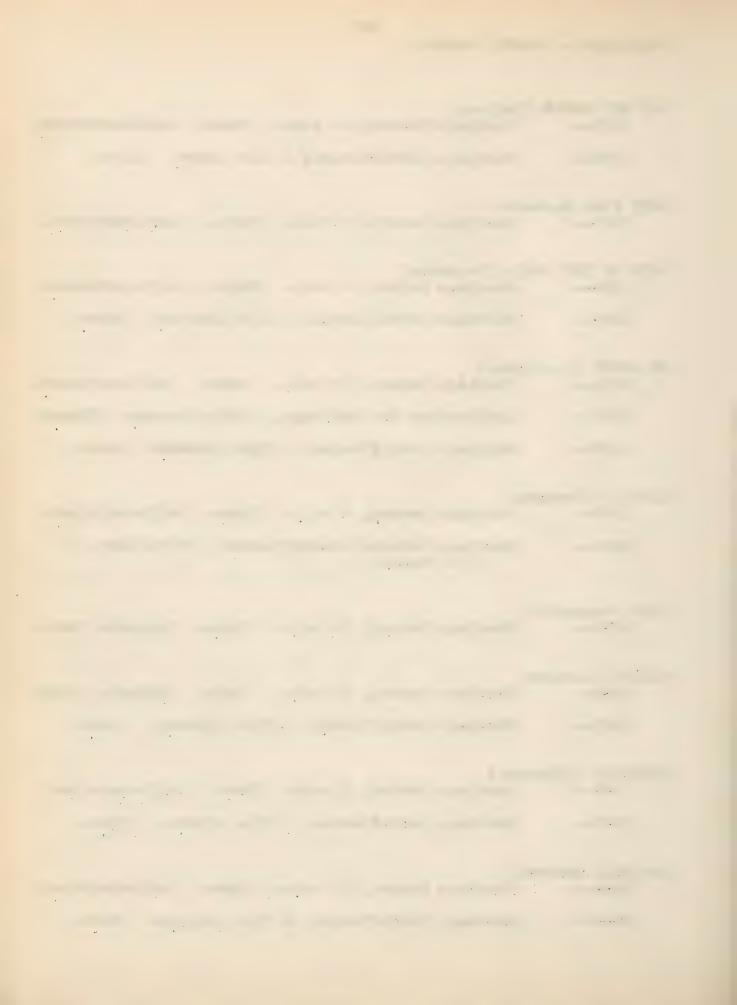
1907 -- Marriage Record, 3 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1907 -- Marriage Certificates, 1 file drawer. Chron.

MARSHALL (Warren)

1881 -- Marriage Record, 10 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1881 -- Marriage Certificates, 3 file drawers. Chron.



MARTIN (Fairmont)

1862 -- Marriage Record, 14 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1864-- Marriage Certificates, 11 file drawers. Chron.

MEEKER (Litchfield)

1859 -- Marriage Record, 17 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

MILLE LACS (Milaca)

1868-- Marriage Record, 8 vols. Chron. by date of application. Self-contained.

1861-- Marriage Certificates, 9 file boxes. Chron. by date filed.

MORRISON (Little Falls)

1865 -- Marriage Record, 17 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1869 -- Marriage Certificates, 16 file boxes. Chron.

MOWER (Austin)

1865 -- Marriage Record, 13 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

MURRAY (Slayton)

1872 -- Marriage Record, 7 vols. Chron. Separate index.

NICOLLET (St. Peter)

1853 -- Marriage Record, 16 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1853-- Marriage Certificates, 11 boxes, 2 file drawers.
Chron.

NOBLES (Worthington)

1872-- Marriage Record, 11 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1926-- Marriage Returns, 1 file box. Chron.

NORMAN (Ada)

1881 -- Marriage Record, 11 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1882-1908 Marriage Certificates, 27 envelopes, 1 file 1926-- Chron.



OLMSTED (Rochester)

1855-- Marriage Record, 28 vols. Chron. Self-contained and separate index.

1856-- Marriage Certificates, 11 file drawers. Num. by file no. Separate index.

OTTER TAIL (Fergus Falls)

1869 -- Marriage Record, 31 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1902-- Marriage Certificates, 1 file drawer, 1 box.
Num. by file no. Separate index.

PENNINGTON (Thief River Falls)

1910 -- Marriage Record, 4 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1911 -- Marriage Returns, 2 file drawers. Chron.

PINE (Pine City)

1871 -- Marriage Record, 9 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1873 -- Marriage Certificates, 3 file drawers. Chron.

PIPESTONE (Pipestone)

1879-- Marriage License Record, 8 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1880-- Marriage Records (Certificates), 3 file drawers.
Chron.

POLK (Crookston)

1873 -- Marriage Record, 30 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1873-- Marriage Certificates, 40 envelopes, 2 file drawers. Chron.

POPE (Glenwood)

1866 -- Marriage Record, 12 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1866 -- Marriage (Certificates), 2 file drawers. Chron.

RAMSEY (St. Paul)

1850-- Marriage Record, 230 vols. Chron. by date of application. Self-contained, also separate index 1887--.



RAMSEY (St. Paul), cont.

1884-- Marriage Licenses and Certificates, 104 file drawers. Chron.

1931-- Applications for Marriage Licenses, 22 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

RED LAKE (Red Lake Falls)

1897 -- Marriage Record, 7 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1897-- Marriage Certificates, I box. Chron.

REDWOOD (Redwood Falls)

1866-- Marriage Record, 17 vols. Chron. Self-contained and separate index.

RENVILLE (Olivia)

1867-- Marriage Record, 17 vols. Chron. by date filed. Separate index.

1867-- Marriage (Certificates), 28 file boxes. Num. by certificate no. Separate index.

RICE (Faribault)

1856 -- Marriage Record, 24 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

ROCK (Luverne)

1872 -- Marriage Record, 9 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

ROSEAU (Roseau)

1895-- Marriage Record, 9 vols. Chron. by date of application. Separate index.

1926-- Marriage Certificates, 2 file drawers. Chron. by date filed.

ST. LOUIS (Duluth)

1870-- Marriage Record, 246 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

Vols. 179 and 218 are located at Ely; vol. 236
at Virginia; vol. 237 at Hibbing; vol. T26,

June 1907-Oct. 1908, was destroyed by fire in Chisholm.

1871-- Marriage Certificates, 30 file drawers. Num. by file no. Separate index.



SCOTT (Shakopee)

1856-- Marriage License Record, 15 vols. Chron. Self-contained and separate index.

1855-- Marriage Returns, 1 file box, 2 vols., 7 file drawers. Num. by file no. Separate index.

SHERBURNE (Elk River)

1858-- Marriage Record, 10 vols. Chron. by date of application. Self-contained.

1864-- Marriage Applications and Certificates, 7 file drawers. Chron. by date of application.

SIBLEY (Gaylord)

1865 -- Marriage Record, 15 vols. Chron. Separate index.

1867-- (Marriage Certificates), 4 file boxes. Num. by file no. Separate index.

STEARNS (St. Cloud)

1857-- Marriage Record, 38 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1858-- Marriage Certificates, 19 file drawers. Num. by certificate no.

STEELE (Owatonna)

1857 -- Marriage Record, 15 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1857-- Marriage Certificates, 4 file drawers. Chron.

STEVENS (Morris)

1869 -- Marriage Record, 8 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1873-- Marriage Certificates, 44 envelopes, 15 file drawers, 2 bundles. Chron.

SWIFT (Benson)

1871 -- Marriage Record, 13 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1871-- Marriage Certificates, 6 file drawers. Chron.

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TODD (Long Prairie)

1869 -- Marriage Record, 16 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1882 -- Marriage Certificates, 8 file boxes. Chron.

TRAVERSE (Wheaton)

1881 -- Marriage Record, 7 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

WABASHA (Wabasha)

1865 -- Marriage Record, 20 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1858 Certificates of Marriage, 1 pile, 6 file drawers.

1865-- Chron.

WADENA (Wadena)

1874-- Marriage Record, 12 vols. Chron.

WASECA (Waseca)

1856 -- Marriage Record, 11 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

WASHINGTON (Stillwater)

1849-- Marriage License Record, 26 vols. Chron. Selfcontained and separate index.

1847-- Marriages (Certificates), 17 file boxes. Num. by certificate no. Separate index.

WATONWAN (St. James)

1866 -- Marriage Record, 11 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1883-1921 Marriage Affidavit Record, 4 vols. Chron. Selfcontained. After 1921 see Marriage Record.

1867 -- Marriage Certificates, 3 file drawers. Chron.

WILKIN (Breckenridge)

1889-- Applications For Marriage Licenses, 6 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1872-- Marriage Record, 9 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1884-- Marriage Certificates, 2 file drawers. Chron.



WINONA (Winona)

1854-- Marriage Record, 74 vols. Chron. by date of license. Self-contained. Also includes original applications, 1915-30.

1901-14 Marriage Applications, 15 vols. Chron. by date
1931-- of application. Self-contained. See Marriage
Record for missing dates.

1854-- Marriage Certificates, 3 boxes, 14 file drawers.
1854-1923, chron.; 1924--, num. by certificate number. Marriage Record is used as an index.

WRIGHT (Buffalo)

1856 -- Marriage Record, 23 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1856-- Marriage Certificates, 100 bundles, 3 file drawers. Chron.

YELLOW MEDICINE (Granite Falls)

1872 -- Marriage Record, 11 vols. Chron. Self-contained.

1900 -- Marriage Certificates, 4 file drawers. Chron.



DIVORCES

County Records

Records of divorce and annulment proceedings are found in the office of the clerk of the district court in the same books as the records of other civil cases.

Certified copies of a record will be furnished by clerks of all counties, except St. Louis, at the rate of ten cents for each 100 words and an additional 25 cents for the certificate, making the cost of a certified copy of an entry usually from 35 to 50 cents. In St. Louis County the cost is five cents for each 100 words and 25 cents additional for the certificate.



APPENDIX



BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Original Law

Section 1. The Assistant Secretary of State shall be Ex-officio Commissioner of Statistics. It shall be his duty annually to collect and compile from official and any other reliable sources, statistics of the State of Minnesota pertaining to its agriculture, manufacture, commerce, and population in-

cluding vital statistics . . .

Section 2. The Commissioner of Statistics shall have power to address general or special inquiries, with printed instructions and blanks for answers, or otherwise at his discretion, to any State, district, county, city, or town officer, and it shall be the duty of such officer to answer fully and promptly such general or special questions as may be addressed to them by said commissioner on all matters of information which can be gathered from documents or records in their official keeping • •

Section 4. The clerk of each city and town in this State shall receive or obtain and register the following facts concerning the births and deaths occurring therein, separately numbering and recording the same in the order in which he receives them, designated in separate columns, viz: in the registry of births, the date of the birth, the name of the child (if it have any), the sex and color of the child, the names and places of birth of the parents, and the date of the record. In the registry of deaths, the date of the death, the name of the deceased, its sex, the color, the condition (whether single, widowed, or married), the age, the place of birth, the names and place of birth of the parents, the disease or cause of death, and the date of the record.

Section 5. Parents shall give notice to the clerk of their city or town of the births and deaths of their children; every householder shall give like notice of every birth and death happening in his house; the oldest person next of kin shall give such notice of the death of his kindred; the keeper or other proper officer of every workhouse, poorhouse, reform school, jail, prison, hospital, asylum, or other public or charitable institution, shall give like notice of any birth and death happening among the persons under his charge. Whoever neglects or refuses to give such notice for the period of thirty days after the occurrence of a birth or death, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, to be collected as other fines are collected by law.

Section 6. Any physician having attended a person during his last illness, shall, when requested, within fifteen days after the decease of such person, forthwith furnish for registration a certificate of the duration of the last sickness, the disease of which the person died, and the date of his decease, as nearly as he can state the same. If any physician refuses or neglects to make such certificate he shall forfeit the sum of twenty-five dollars, to be collected as other fines are by law.



Births and Deaths - Amendments, revisions: Laws Now In Force

Section 7. The clerk of each city and town shall annually on or before the tenth day of January, transmit to the clerk of the district court of the county embracing such city or town, a certified copy of the registry of births and deaths which have occurred therein during the year ending on the last day of the preceding December . . . For refusal or neglect to perform such duties as herein requested, he shall forfeit a sum not exceeding fifty dollars for each offence, to be collected as other fines are collected. The said clerk of the district court shall annually report to the Commissioner of Statistics, on or before the 20th of January, an abstract of the registry of births and deaths on pain of forfeiture as hereafter provided.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Statistics to prepare and furnish to the officers who are herein required to register and report births and deaths as aforesaid, suitable blanks and instructions to facilitate the regular, prompt and uniform performance of the duties required of them, such blanks and instructions to be forwarded to the clerks of the district court and by them distributed to the officers aforesaid.

Section 9. Any person who by this act is required to give information to the Commissioner of Statistics and who shall refuse or neglect to answer the inquiries addressed to him by that officer upon matters of fact or record in his official possession, shall forfeit to the State of Minnesota any sum not exceeding fifty dollars for each offence, to be collected as other fines are collected by law.

Section 13. This act to take effect from and after passage

approved March 4, 1870.

(Omitted material relates to other duties of the Commissioner of Statistics.)

Amendments, revisions

General Laws, 1870, ch. 25; 1887, ch. 114; Laws, 1899, ch. 337; Revised Laws, 1905, chs. 2040, 2041, 2042; Laws, 1907, ch. 454; 1909, ch. 23; 1911, ch. 250; 1913, ch. 579; 1921, ch. 273; 1925, ch. 190; 1927, ch. 156; Mason's, 1927, sec. 5354-5367, 5369, 7559; Laws, 1937, ch. 263; 1939, ch. 89; Mason's, 1940 supplement, sec. 5354, 5356 and notes, 5357 and notes, 5358, 5361, 5365, 5366.

Laws Now In Force

STATE BOARD TO HAVE CHARGE. The State Board of Health shall have general supervision and charge of the State system of registration of births and deaths and may make, and enforce, any regulations necessary for the proper carrying out of the same. The secretary of the State board shall be designated and known as the State Registrar and shall be the administering officer of the State in connection therewith, charged with the enforcement of the provisions of this act. The State Registrar may appoint, and at his pleasure remove, an employee of the State Board of Health



as Deputy State Registrar, who shall render such aid as the State Registrar may require of him in the discharge of his official duty. (Laws, 1937, ch. 263, sec. 1; Mason's, 1940 supplement, sec. 1).

PRIMARY REGISTRATION DISTRICTS - LOCAL REGISTRARS -DEPUTIES - SUBREGISTRARS - Each township, village, and city shall, for the purpose of this act, constitute a primary registration district, and the town and village clerk, and in cities the health officer shall be the local registrar for the township, village, or city comprising such primary registration district. The local registrar shall perform all the duties required of him by the provisions of this act . . . The State Board of Health may appoint subregistrars to receive certificates of births and deaths and issue burial permits in any designated territory. They shall be subject to the supervision of the State Registrar and may be removed by him for cause. Such subregistrars shall note thereon the date when any certificate is filed with him, sign the same, and forward it to the local registrar of the proper district within five days after receipt; and shall make a monthly report to the State Registrar on blanks furnished for that purpose of all deaths where he has had charge of the remains or sold the casket. (Laws, 1925, ch. 190, sec. 1; Mason's, 1940 supplement, sec. 5355).

BIRTH CERTIFICATES - FORM AND CONTENTS - The physician or midwife attending the birth of any child, or, if there is no attending physician or licensed midwife, the father or mother, shall within five days thereafter, subscribe and file with the local registrar of the district within which the birth occurs, a certificate of birth specifying:

Place of birth, including State, county, city, village, or town with the street and house number, if any, or in lieu thereof the name of the hospital or other private, public, or State institution, if in such

institution.

Full name of child. If the child dies without being named before the certificate is filed, enter the word "unnamed" with the date of death.

Male or female.

Whether one of twins, triplets, or other plural birth, and the number in order of birth.

Legitimate or no.

Date of birth, including year, month, day and hour. Full name of the father, provided that if the child is illegitimate the name or residence of, or other identifying details relating to the putative father shall not be entered without his consent, except as provided in Section 5365-A.

Residence of father.

Color or race of father, as white, colored, Indian, Chinese, or other.

Age of father at last birthday.



Birthplace of father; State or foreign country.

Occupation of father with a statement of the trade, profession or particular kind of work; or the general nature of the industry or business engaged or employed in.

Full maiden name of mother.

Residence of mother.

Color or race of mother - as white, colored, Indian, Chinese, or other.

Age of mother at last birthday.

Birthplace of mother; State or foreign country.

Occupation of mother with a statement of the trade, profession or particular kind of work; or the general nature of the industry or business engaged or employed in.

Number of children born to this mother, including present birth.

Number of children born of this mother now living.
The fact of attendance and that the birth occurred at the time stated.

Date of making and address of the person subscribing.

If the child is one of a plural birth, a separate certificate for each child shall be filed.

When the birth occurs in any lying-in hospital or in any private, public, charitable or State insitution, without attendance by a physician or licensed midwife, the superintendent, manager, or person in charge shall make and file the certificate of birth.

If the birth occurs (without physician or midwife) in any hotel, rooming or boarding house, or in any private dwelling or apartment other than the home of the parents, the keeper or occupant shall immediately notify the local registrar of that fact. The local registrar shall then procure the necessary information and the signature for a proper certificate of birth . . .

The attending physician or midwife shall deliver to the parents a blank for a supplemental report of the given name of the chilf if not named at the time of making the certificate of

birth.

When a certificate of birth is filed without the given or baptismal name, the local registrar shall deliver to the parents a blank for a supplemental report of the name. Such supplemental report shall be made and filed with the local registrar as soon as the child is named. If such report is not filed within thirty days from the date of birth, the local registrar shall obtain such name by other means.

Whenever the State Registrar shall receive a birth certificate which is incomplete or inaccurate, he shall endeavor to secure information relative to any errors or omissions, and shall make corrections on the original in red ink when additional information is secured. Provided that whenever a certified copy of any such corrected birth certificate is issued, the corrections shall be shown on the certified copy in red, and this act shall



Except that a certified copy of a new certificate of birth, as hereinafter provided, shall be issued without such corrections, any red ink corrections shall be shown on certificate as provided herein.

Whenever it satisfactorily appears to the State Registrar that a birth record contains errors or omissions or is false in some respect he may attach a statement of the true fact to the same • • •

A new certificate of birth may be made whenever the State Registrar receives proof satisfactory to him . . . that a court of competent jurisdiction has entered a judgment, order or decree

relating to the parentage or adoption of a person.

Whenever the report of a birth which occurred in Minnesota is not on file with the State Registrar or with any local registrar or with the clerk of the district court of the county in which birth occurred, a certificate of such birth may be filed with the State Registrar or a clerk of district court, and for such a birth which occurred in a city of 100,000 or more population with the local registrar of such city. Whenever for such delayed registration the birth certificate is not made and subscribed by the physician who attended the birth, the birth certificate shall be made and subscribed by the nearest of kin, if any, or otherwise by any person or persons having personal knowledge of the facts of birth as given by them in such certificate, and such certificate shall be accompanied by supporting affidavits by the person or persons making and subscribing the certificate and if possible by the baptismal record and other documentary evidence.

The State Registrar shall place on file any birth certificate made and subscribed by attending physicians and others as herein provided. Whenever a birth certificate so made and subscribed is filed with a clerk of the district court, such clerk shall forward such certificate to the State Registrar. The State Registrar shall send certified copies of all delayed birth certificates filed with him as herein provided, to the clerks of court of the counties in which such births occurred.

Any person who shall furnish false affidavits or false documentary evidence for the purpose of making or securing a delayed registration of birth shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (Laws, 1939, ch. 89, sec. 1; Mason's, 1940 supplement, sec. 5356. The omitted portions consist of material pertaining to foundlings and illegitimacy, and certain proceedings in supplying missing information and correcting errors.)

DEATH CERTIFICATES - FORM AND CONTENTS - The undertaker or person acting as such, at the burial, cremation or other disposal of the body of any person dying in this State, shall obtain and file with the local registrar of the district in which the death occurs, a certificate of death containing a statement authenticated by the signature of some person cognizant of the facts, specifying:



Place of death, including State, county, city, or village or town, with the name of the street and house number, or in lieu thereof, the name of the hospital or other private, public or State institution, if in such institution. If in an industrial or mining camp, or mine, the name of the camp or mine.

Full name of deceased. If an unnamed child, the surname

preceded by "unnamed."

Male or female.

Color or race - as white, colored, Indian, Chinese or other.

Single, married, widowed or divorced.

Date of birth, including year, month and day.

Age in years, months and days. If less than one day, the hours or minutes.

Occupation. If the person had an remunerative employment, statement of the trade, profession, or particular kind of work, or the general nature of the industry or business engaged or employed in.

Birthplace; State or foreign country.

Name of father, provided that if the deceased was of illegitimate birth the name or residence of, or other identifying details relating to the putative father shall not be entered without his consent, except as provided in section 5365-A.

Birthplace of father: State or foreign country.

Maiden name of mother.

Birthplace of mother; State or foreign country.

In addition the said undertaker or person acting as such shall obtain and report in the monthly report to the State Registrar provided for in Section 5360, General Statutes, 1923, as amended by chapter 190, Session Laws, 1925, information as to whether the deceased ever served in the military or naval forces of the United States.

A medical certificate in which shall be subscribed by the attending physician together with his address and date of making, stating fact and time of death, giving year, month, day, and hour; time of attendance; when last seen alive; the disease or injury causing death, with contributary cause or complication and the duration of the illness; if from violence, the means and circumstances of the injury and whether indicating accident, suicide or homicide, when a physician cannot certify the cause of death because of a pending autopsy or incomplete findings, he may substitute for the cause, the words "Cause not yet determined." Provided that the medical certificate shall be made and subscribed by the coroner whenever the cause of death is investigated by him. Provided, further, that in cities of the first, second and third class the health officer, and in towns, villages, and cities of the fourth class, the local registrar, or a subregistrar, shall make and subscribe the medical certificate for any death occurring therein without medical attendance or investigation by the coroner. If the local registrar, or subregistrar, is unable to determine



the cause of death he shall refer the case to a physician, or to

the coroner, for certification.

When the death occurs in a hospital or other institution or place, other than the home of the deceased, a statement of the length of time at the place of death, length of time in the State, usual place of residence, and where the disease was contracted.

A statement showing place and date of burial signed by the undertaker with his address.

Provisions in case of still births.

Whenever the State Registrar shall receive a death certificate which is incomplete or inaccurate, he shall endeavor to secure information relative to any errors or omissions, and shall make corrections on the original in red ink when additional information is secured; provided, that whenever a certified copy of any such corrected death certificate is issued, the corrections shall be shown on the certified copy in red and the provisions of this act shall be printed or typed on the form used for such certification.

Whenever it satisfactorily appears to the State Registrar that a death record contains errors or omissions or is false in some respect he may attach a statement of the true facts to the same. (Laws, 1939, ch. 89, sec. 2; Mason's, 1940 supplement, sec. 5357, the same).

DUTIES OF LOCAL REGISTRARS - The local registrar shall endorse on each certificate of birth and death filed with him the number of his district, the number of the certificate, in consecutive numbers, beginning with number one (1) for the first birth and the first death in each calendar year, the date when filed with him, his post office address, and subscribe the same. He shall record such certificates in a suitable record book and, on the fifth of each month, transmit to the State Registrar all original certificates filed with him during the preceding month. If no births or no deaths occurred in his district, within his knowledge, during any month, he shall report that fact to the State Registrar on the fifth day of the following month. required by the State Registrar he shall supply any information, or date, necessary to make a complete record or to facilitate the administration of the provisions of this act. (Laws, 1939, ch. 89, sec. 3; Mason's, 1940 supplement, sec. 5358).

STATE BOARD TO FURNISH BLANKS, FORMS AND BOOKS - The State Board of Health shall prepare, provide and furnish to the local registrars, and other persons requiring them, all blanks, forms and books of record necessary for carrying out the purposes of this act.

Such blanks, forms, and books shall be furnished at the expense of the State and printed by the State Printing Commission. Provided, that the books of record for the local registrar shall be paid for by the city, village, or town comprising the registration district and furnished by the State at actual cost. These



books shall be substantially made and shall contain space for recording all of the facts shown on the original returns of births and deaths. (Laws, 1913, ch. 579, sec. 10; Mason's, 1927, sec. 5363).

STATE REGISTRAR TO PRESERVE CERTIFICATES - INSTRUCTIONS - INFORMATION - The State Registrar shall arrange, bind and preserve, in a systematic manner, all original certificates of birth and death returned to him and maintain a suitable index of the same. He may assign to each registration district a number to be used as an identifying designation in connection with the name. He shall prepare and issue necessary instructions for the use of local registrars, physicians, undertakers and others required to furnish information under the provisions of this act.

If any such officers or others fail or refuse to obtain and furnish the information so required, the State Board of Health may obtain the same by other means and the reasonable cost thereof shall be paid by the city, village, or town where the expense is necessarily incurred. (Laws, 1913, ch. 579, sec. 11; Mason's,

1927, sec. 5364).

COPIES OF RECORDS FOR CLERKS OF COURT . . . Annually, on or before the first day of April, the State Registrar shall tabulate all the facts shown in the returns of local registrars, except those acting in cities which have a population of more than 100,000 as having occurred during the preceding year, and transmit to the clerk of the district court of each county a certified copy of such tabulation, so far as the same relates to the vital statistics of such county, and each clerk of the district court shall file, index and preserve such certified copy, and the same shall be prima-facie evidence of each and every fact contained therein. Such tabulation shall show the whole number of births and deaths, and reports of no births or deaths having occurred, transmitted by each local registrar during each year, but no fee shall be paid for "no report" cards if a report of a birth or death for that month is received later.

Upon the receipt and the filing of such certified copies the clerk of court shall issue to each local registrar within his county a voucher for the amount due him as shown by such tabulated statement. Upon the presentation of such voucher to the county auditor, a warrant for the amount thereof shall be issued by him. The forms of indexes and indexing shall be prescribed by the State Registrar and made in a suitable book furnished at the expense of the county. All statistics of births and deaths shall be so indexed without other compensation than the clerk's salary, except, that in counties where the clerk is not on a salary basis, he shall be paid five cents by the county for each name so indexed.

Whenever it satisfactorily appears to any clerk of court in Minnesota that a birth or death record on file in his office contains errors or omissions, or is false in some respect, he may attach a statement of the true facts to the same when authenticated by an affidavit made by a person presuming to said clerk



and made a part of the original record. He shall immediately furnish to the State Registrar copies of such affidavits . . . (Laws, 1939, ch. 89, sec. 5; Mason's, 1940 supplement, sec. 5365).

CERTIFIED COPIES OF CERTIFICATES - The State Registrar, or any local registrar, shall furnish any applicant therefor a certified copy of the record of any birth or death recorded under the provisions of this act, provided that the fact that any child was illegitimate, shall not be disclosed except when ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with section 5365-B. For the making and certification of which the registrar shall be entitled to receive a fee of fifty cents, to be paid by the applicant. Such a copy of the record of a birth or death when certified by the State or local registrar to be a true transcript therefrom shall be prima-facie evidence of the fact therein stated in all courts in this State. The State Registrar shall keep a correct account of all fees or moneys received by him under the provision of this act, and pay the same over to the State Treasurer at the end of each month. In cases where a record of birth of a child is required for a specific purpose only, the State Registrar shall have power to issue a certificate setting forth the name, the place and date of birth of such child, and any other facts pertinent to the purpose for which the certificate is to be issued. Such certificate shall be evidence in any court upon the facts so recorded. (Laws, 1939, ch. 89, sec. 6; Mason's, 1940 supplement, sec. 5366).

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL RECORDS OF INMATES OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS TO BE MADE AND FRESERVED - All superintendents, managers or persons in charge of lying-in or other hospitals, almshouses, charitable or other institutions, public or private, to which persons resort for confinement, treatment of disease, care, or are committed by process of law, shall, at once, make and preserve a record of all the personal and statistical particulars relative to the inmates now in, or hereafter admitted to their institutions, that are required to be stated in the certificate of birth and death provided for by this act and on or before the tenth of each month shall file with the State Board of Health, on a blank provided by such board for the purpose, a report of all births and deaths, or still-births, occurring in such institution during the previous month. If admitted for medical treatment of disease the physician in charge shall specify in the record, the nature of the disease and where it was contracted. (Laws, 1921, ch. 273, sec. 4; Mason's, 1927, sec. 5362).

INTERMENT DUTIES OF PERSONS IN CHARGE OF PLACES OF - The body of a person dying, or found dead, in this State, or the body of a still-born infant, shall not be interred, cremated, or disposed of, or removed from one registration district to another, or held for more than seventy-two hours after death, unless and until a proper certificate of death has been filed and a permit issued as provided for by this act. Provided, that in any cases



where it is impossible to secure such certificate or permit without delay, the State Registrar may permit the attending embalmer or funeral director to remove the body to another registration district on the condition that such certificate and permit will be secured and properly filed before the body is buried, cremated, further transported or otherwise disposed of. Where there is a person charged with the care or supervision of a cemetery, burial place, or other premises where human bodies are interred, cremated, or otherwise disposed of, the name of such person and his address shall be posted in a conspicuous place at the entrance of such premises. He shall not inter. nor permit the interment, cremation, or other disposition of the body of a deceased person until he receives a burial permit as herein provided. He shall keep a record of all interments, or other disposition of the body, made on the premises under his charge, stating the name of the deceased person, place of death, date of burial or cremation, and the name and address of the undertaker. Such record shall be open to the public inspection at all times.

RECORDS AND REPORTS BY UNDERTAKERS - Every person, firm, or corporation selling a casket, shall keep a record showing the name of the purchaser, purchaser's post office address, name of deceased, date of death, and place of death of deceased, which record shall be open to inspection of the State Registrar at all times. On the first day of each month the person, firm, or corporation, selling caskets, and every undertaker or other person attending to the burial, or conducting the funeral of a dead person, shall report to the State Registrar such facts as he may require for the preceding month, on a blank provided for that purpose; provided, however, that no person, firm, or corporation selling caskets to dealers or undertakers only shall be required to keep such record.

Every person, firm, or corporation selling a casket at retail, and not having charge of the disposition of the body, shall inclose within the casket a notice furnished by the State Registrar calling attention to the requirements of the law, a blank certificate of death, and the rules and regulations of the State Board of Health concerning the burial or other disposition of a dead body. (Laws, 1925, ch. 190, sec. 5; Mason's, 1927,

sec. 5360).



MARRIAGES

Original Law

Section 1. That it shall be lawful for any justice of the peace, within his proper county, and for any ordained minister of the gospel in regular communion with any society of Christians (but not otherwise), judges of supreme court, and supreme court commissioners, to solemnize the rites of marriage between persons competent to make the contract of marriage: Provided, That the male shall be eighteen years of age, and if under the age of twenty-one years, shall obtain the consent of his parents or guardian; and the female shall be fourteen years of age, and if under the age of eighteen years, shall obtain the like consent: And provided further, That they shall not be nearer of kin than first cousin, and shall not have a husband or wife living.

Section 2. Ministers of the gospel, ordained and in regular communion as aforesaid, before they shall be deemed authorized as aforesaid, shall file a copy of their credentials of ordination with the clerk of the district court of the county, in which any marriage by them may be solemnized; and such clerk shall enter

the same of record and give a certificate of the same.

Section 3. When a man having by a woman one or more children, shall afterwards intermarry with such woman, such child or children, if recognized by him, shall be thereby legitimatized. The issue also of marriages declared null in law, shall, nevertheless,

be legitimate.

Section 4. The clerks of the district court for the several counties, or any justice of the peace, shall be authorized to grant marriage licenses, and shall inquire of the party applying (upon oath or affirmation, as the case may be), relative to the legality of such contemplated marriage, and if the clerk or justice shall be satisfied that there is no legal impediment thereto, then he shall grant such marriage license; and if any of the persons intending to marry shall be under age, and shall not have had a former wife or husband, the consent of the parents or guardians (as the case may be) shall be personally given before the clerk or justice, or certified under the hand of such parent or guardian, attested by two witnesses, one of whom shall appear before said clerk or justice and make oath or affirmation (as the case may be) that he saw the parent or guardian, whose name is annexed to such certificate, subscribe and acknowledge the same; and the clerk or justice is hereby authorized to administer such oath or affirmation, and may thereupon issue and sign such license; and if any clerk or justice shall in any other manner issue or sign any marriage license, he shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, to and for the use of the party aggrieved.

Section 5. A certificate of every marriage shall be signed by the person solemnizing the same, and be transmitted, together with the marriage license, to the clerk of the district court of



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the county wherein the marriage was solemnized, within three calendar months thereafter, and recorded by such clerk. Every person failing to transmit such certificate to the clerk of the district court of the county in due time, shall forfeit and pay fifty dollars for the use of the county; and if the clerk shall neglect to record the same, he shall forfeit and pay fifty

dollars for the use of the county.

Section 6. If any person, by this law authorized to join persons in marriage, shall knowingly solemnize the same contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, the person so offending shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, to and for the use of the county wherein such offence may be committed; and if any person not legally authorized, shall attempt to solemnize the marriage contract, such person shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit and pay five hundred dollars to and for the use of the county wherein such offence may be committed.

Section 7. Any fine or forfeiture arising in consequence of any breach of this law, shall be recovered by action of debt with costs of suit, in any court having cognizance of the same. (Laws, 1849, ch. 61. This was a Wisconsin law and continued in force in the Territory of Minnesota by the Organic Act, 9 U.S.

Stat., ch. 121, sec. 14).

Amendments, Revisions . . .

Revised Statutes, 1851, ch. 65; General Laws, 1865, ch. 45; 1871, ch. 94; General Statutes, 1878, ch. 62; Laws, 1901, chs. 208, 234; 1905, ch. 294; Revised Laws, 1905, ch. 70; Laws, 1909, ch. 386; 1911, ch. 222; 1927, ch. 166; Mason's, 1927, secs. 8562-8579; Laws, 1931, ch. 401; 1937, ch. 407; 1939, ch. 243; Mason's, 1940 supplement, sec. 8564, 8569, 8580.

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LICENSE, ELIGIBILITY. Before any persons shall be joined in marriage, a license shall be obtained from the clerk of the district court of the county in which the woman resides, or, if not a resident of this State, then from such clerk of the county where the marriage is to take place in the State. (Revised Laws, 1905,

sec. 3558; Mason's, 1927, sec. 8568).

Application for a marriage license shall be made at least five days before a license shall be issued. The clerk shall examine upon oath the party applying for license relative to the legality of such contemplated marriage, and if, at the expiration of said five-day period, satisfied that there is no legal impediment thereto, he shall issue such license with his official seal attached, and make a record thereof, provided that in case of emergency, or extraordinary circumstances, the judge of the probate court or any judge of the district court of the county in which the application is made may authorize the license to be issued at any time before the expiration of said five days. If any person intending to marry shall be under the age of twenty



one if a male and under the age of eighteen if a female, and shall not have had a former husband or wife, such license shall not be issued unless the consent of the parents or guardians shall be personally given before the clerk, or certified under the hand of such parents or guardians, attested by two witnesses, and duly verified by an officer duly authorized to take oaths and duly attested by a seal, where such officer has a seal. The clerk shall be entitled to a fee of two dollars for administering the oath, and issuing, recording, and filing all papers required. Any clerk who shall knowingly issue or sign a marriage license in any other manner than in this section provided shall forfeit and pay for the use of the parties aggrieved not to exceed one thousand dollars. (Laws, 1939, ch. 243; Mason's, 1940 supplement, 8569).

The court commissioner may also authorize a marriage within the five-day license period. (Op. Atty. General, June 21, 1935). Every male person who has attained the full age of eighteen years, and every female person who has attained the full age of sixteen years, is capable in law of contracting marriage, if otherwise competent. Provided that a female person of the full age of 15 years may with the consent of her parents and her guardian if there be one, receive a license to marry when, after a careful inquiry into the facts and surrounding circumstances, her application for a license is approved by the judge of the juvenile court of the county in which she resides. (Laws, 1927, ch. 166, sec. 1; Mason's, 1927, sec. 8563).

CERTAIN MARRIAGES PROHIBITED. No marriage shall be contracted while either of the parties has a husband or wife living; nor within six months after either has been divorced from a former spouse; nor between parties who are nearer of kin than second cousins, whether of the half or whole blood, computed by the rules of the civil law; nor between persons either one of whom is epileptic, imbecile, feeble-minded or insane; nor between persons one or both of whom are under 15 years of age. (Laws, 1937, ch. 407, sec. 1; Mason's, 1940 supplement, sec. 8564).

CERTIFICATE TO CONTRACTING PARTIES. The person solemnizing a marriage shall give each of the parties a certificate thereof, specifying therein the names and residences of the parties, and of at least two of the witnesses present, and the time and place of the marriage. (Revised Laws, 1905, sec. 3561; Mason's, 1927, sec. 8571).

CERTIFICATE TO CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT. Every person solemnizing a marriage shall make a record thereof, and within one month make and deliver to the clerk of the district court of the county where the marriage took place, or of the county to which said county is attached for judicial purposes, a certificate under his hand containing the particulars mentioned in the preceding section which certificate, shall be filed and recorded by said clerk in a book kept by him for that purpose, and said



clerk shall be entitled to receive the sum of twenty-five cents for recording said certificate from the person offering the same for record. And the clerk of said court shall execute a receipt to the person delivering said certificate, which said receipt shall be of even date with the delivery of said certificate, and shall contain substantially all of the facts set forth in said certificate; to be signed by said clerk and have affixed thereto the seal of said court. (Laws, 1905, ch. 294; Mason's, 1927, sec. 8573).

In the early days the term "clerk of the district court of the county . . " was implied to mean also the clerk of the district court of the county to which the county in question was attached for judicial purposes. (General Statutes, 1878, ch. 62,

sec. 16).

Every person solemnizing a marriage shall make a record thereof, and within one month make and file with the clerk of the district court of the county in which the license was issued a certificate, under his hand, containing the facts mentioned in Revised Laws, 1905, sec. 3561 (Mason's, 1927, sec. 8571), which certificate shall be filed and recorded by said clerk in a book kept by him for that purpose; and said clerk shall be entitled to receive twenty-five cents for recording said certificate from the person offering the same for record. (Laws, 1909, ch. 386; Mason's, 1927, sec. 8572).

The opinion is expressed in Mason's, 1940 supplement, that section 8572 supersedes section 8573, although section 8573 has

never been definitely repealed.

MARRIAGE AMONG QUAKERS. All marriages solemnized among the people called Friends or Quakers, in the form heretofore practices and in use in their meetings, shall be valid and not affected by any of the foregoing provisions; and the clerk of the meeting in which such marriage is solemnized, within one month after any such marriage, shall deliver a certificate of the same to the clerk of the district court of the county where the marriage took place, under penalty of not more than one hundred dollars, and such certificate shall be filed and recorded by the clerk under a like penalty; and, if such marriage does not take place in such meeting, such certificate shall be signed by the parties and at least six witnesses present, and filed and recorded as above provided under a like penalty. (Revised Laws, 1905, sec. 4783; Mason's, 1927, sec. 8578).



DIVORCES

JURISDICTION. A divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be adjudged by the district court . . (Revised Laws, 1851, ch. 66, sec. 7; 1905, sec. 3574; Laws, 1909, ch. 443; 1927, ch. 304; 1933, ch. 262, 324; 1934 extra session, ch. 78; 1935, ch. 295).

A complaint for divorce, or for affirming or declaring the marriage contract void, may be exhibited by a wife in her own name, or by her next friend; and in all cases, the defendant may answer without oath or affirmation. Application for a divorce shall be made to the district court of any county in this territory. (Revised Statutes, 1851, sec. 66, sec. 10; General Statutes, 1866, ch. 62, sec. 10; Revised Laws, 1905, sec. 3577; Laws, 1931, ch. 226, sec. 1; Mason's, 1940 supplement, sec. 8588 and notes).

When the validity of a marriage is disputed, either party may begin an action in the district court of the county where either resides, to annul the same. In such action the complaint shall be filed and proceedings had thereon as in actions for divorce, and upon due proof of the nullity of the marriage, it shall be adjudged null and void. (Revised Statutes, 1851, ch. 66; Revised Laws, 1905, sec. 3571; Mason's, 1940 supplement,

sec. 8582, notes).

NATURE OF ACTION. The distinction between at law and suits in equity and the forms of such actions and suits are abolished. There shall be in the State but one form of action for the enforcement or protection of private rights and the redress of private wrongs. This shall be called a civil action, and the party complaining shall be styled the plaintiff and the adverse party the defendant. (Revised Laws, 1905, sec. 4052; General Statutes, 1913, sec. 7673; Mason's, 1927, sec. 9164).

If the defendant does not appear after service duly made and proved, the court may hear and determine the action at a general or special term, or in vacation: Provided, that the court or judge, upon application, may refer said action to a referee to take and report the evidence therein. When issue is joined, like proceedings shall be had as in civil actions. (General Statutes, 1866, ch. 62, sec. 14; General Laws, 1875, ch. 58; 1878, ch. 13; Revised Laws, 1905, sec. 3581; Mason's, 1927, sec. 8592; 1940 supplement, sec. 8592, notes).

JUDGMENT. A judgment of divorce is governed by the same rules as a judgment in an ordinary civil action. (Mark B. Dunnell, Minnesota Digest, 2d ed., sec. 2799. State of Minnesota v. John L. Armington, 25 Minn. 29 (1878); Clarinda Morey v. Abijah Morey, 27 Minn. 265, 6 N.W. Reptr. 783 (1880); Anna V. Searles v. William M. Searles, 140 Minn. 385, 168 N. W. Reptr. 153 (1918).

RECORDING OFFICER. There shall be elected in each county where a district court shall be held, one clerk of said court,



whose qualifications, duties and compensation shall be prescribed by law and whose term of office shall be four years. (Constitution of the State of Minnesota, art. 6, sec. 13; Laws, 1913, ch. 458; 1915, ch. 168; Mason's, 1927, sec. 820).

RECORDS. Every clerk (of the district court) shall procure, at the expense of his county, and keep, the following books:

- 1. A register of actions, in which he shall enter
 the title of each action, whether originally
 commenced in his said court, or brought there
 by appeal or transcript of judgment from justice
 court or from any court of record of the State
 or United States, and a minute of each paper
 filed in the cause, and all proceedings therein.
- 2. A judgment book in which every judgment shall be entered.
- 3. A docket in which he shall enter alphabetically the name of each judgment debtor, the amount of the judgment, and the precise time of its entry.
- 4. Indexes . . . and such other books as the court, in its discretion, may direct. (Revised Statutes, 1851, ch. 71, sec. 72, 78, ch. 82, sec. 40; General Statutes, 1866, ch. 8, sec. 229; Revised Laws, 1905, sec. 110; Mason's, 1927, sec. 195).

Every clerk shall keep in separate books a plaintiff's and defendant's index to court records, in which all cases shall be entered in alphabetical order under the name of each plaintiff and defendant. They shall set forth the names of the parties, kind of action, term commenced, the record books and pages on which recorded, the term disposed of, date of judgment, book and page of judgment dockets, fee books, satisfied or not satisfied, and number of case. The defendant's index shall be ruled and printed in the same manner as plaintiff's except that the parties shall be reversed . . . (General Laws, 1885, ch. 181; Revised Laws, 1905, ch. 111; Mason's, 1940 supplement, sec. 196).

CERTIFIED COPIES. The several county auditors, judges of probate, and clerks of the district court, during the hours when their respective offices are required by law to be open, shall furnish to any person demanding the same a certified copy of any record, file or paper in their office, or in their official custody, upon tender of such fees therefor as are by law allowed to registers of deeds for like services. (Laws, 1887, ch. 83; Revised Laws, 1905, sec. 615; Mason's, 1927, sec. 988).

MARRIAGES VOID. All marriages which are prohibited by law on account of consanguinity, or on account of either or both parties being under the age of 15 years, or on account of either party having a former husband or wife then living, if solemnized within this State, shall be absolutely void, without any decree of divorce or other legal proceedings: Provided, that if any



person whose husband or wife has been absent for five successive years, without being known to such person to be living during that time, marries during the lifetime of such absent husband or wife, the marriage shall be void only from the time that its nullity is duly adjudged. (Laws, 1937, sec. 407, sec. 2; Mason's, 1940 supplement, sec. 8580).



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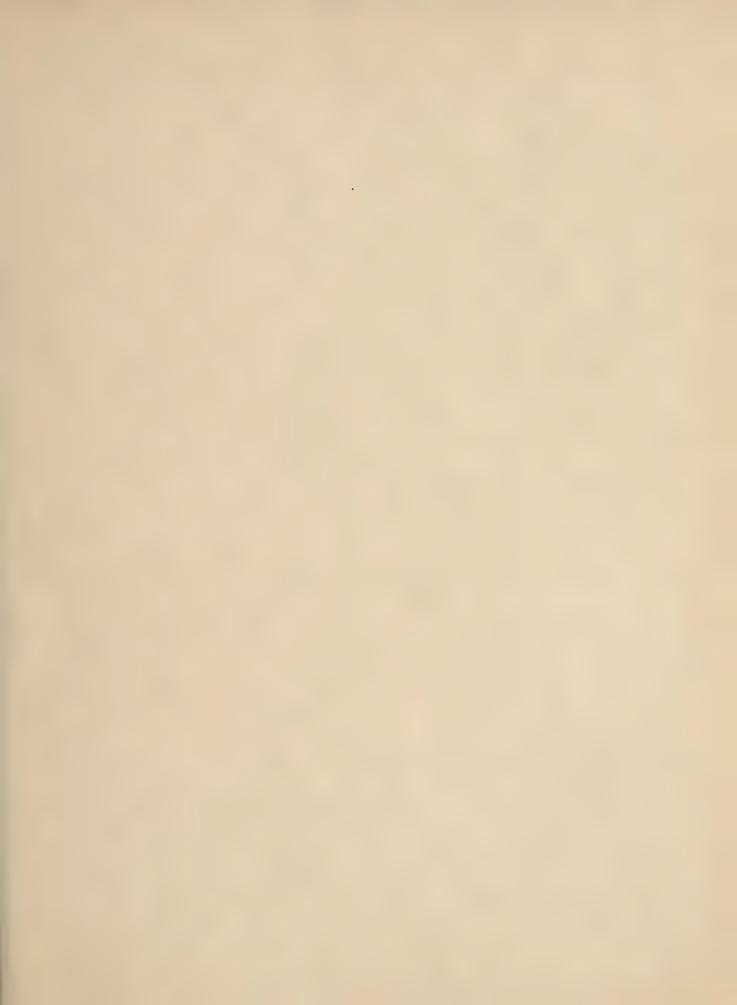


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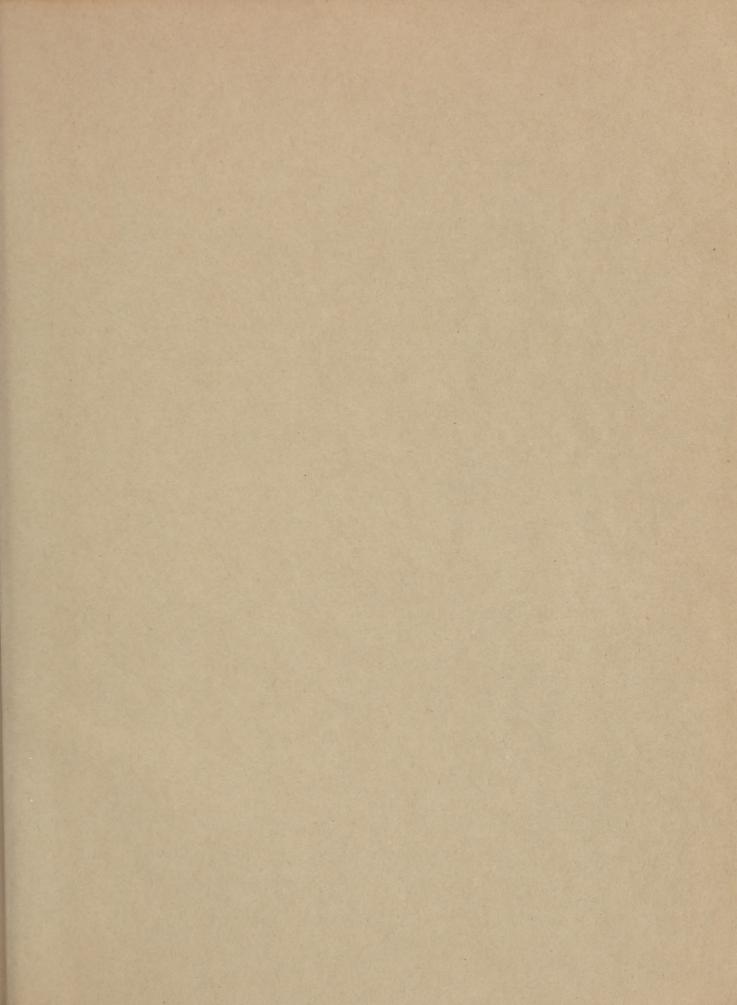
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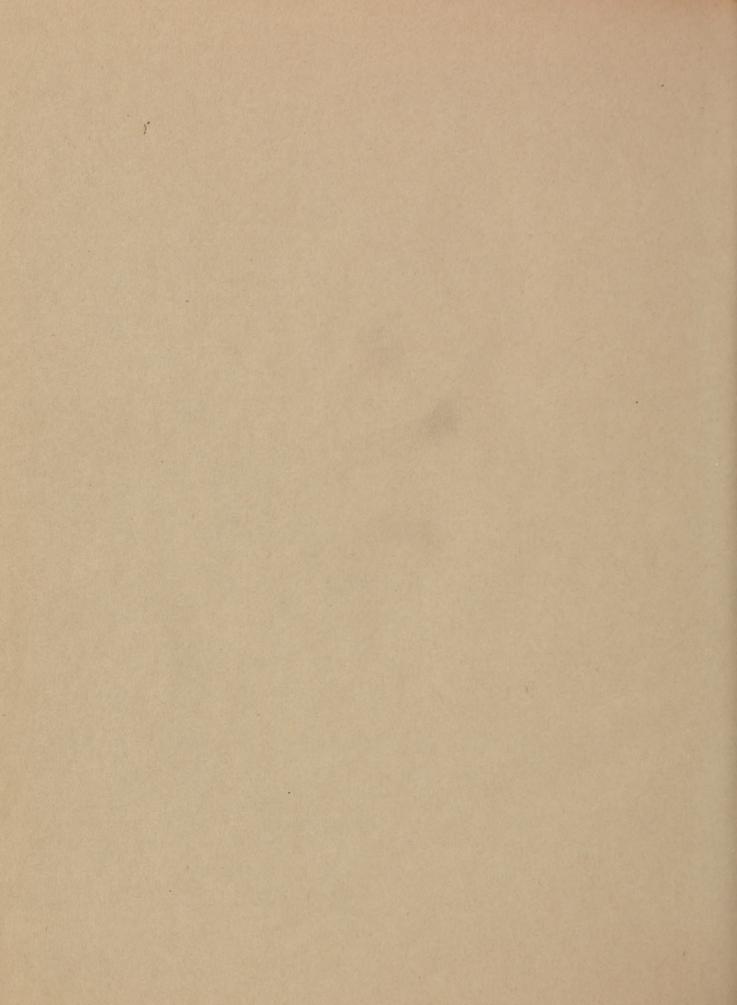
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